



Oakville Horticultural Society January 2018

January Monthly Meeting

Date:	January 14, 2018
Location:	Knox Presbyterian Church, 89 Dunn Street
Set-up Volunteers:	Cathy Kavassalis and Myroslawa Lukiwsky
Hospitality Volunteers:	Diane Burton & Margaret Jeffery
Flower Show Clerks:	



Marilyn Cornwell is a gardener and photographer living in Grimsby in the heart of the Niagara wine region. She is an active member of area garden clubs. Marilyn's notable activity in her move from Toronto in 2011 was bringing her antique conservatory greenhouse

with her. It lives in her garden now and she is a happy gardener in Grimsby with its fertile soil, milder climate and access to greenhouse and nursery growers throughout the area.

Tonight, Marilyn will be presenting "The Evening Garden."

Do you know the old Scottish legend
of how the thistle came to be
the flower of Scotland?



The story goes that an invading Norse army planned to ambush the Scots by slaughtering them while they slept. This attack required as much stealth as possible so the invaders attacked barefoot. Unfortunately for them, one of the attackers stepped on a thistle, and his cries of pain were enough to wake the sleeping Scotsmen, who charged into battle and defeated their enemies.

And so the thistle was named
The Flower of Scotland

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Happy New Year to all and I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday!

I sit here pondering the coming year knowing that we need the winter to bring the glories of spring but wanting it all the same. We all know that this will not be for long so we should take the time to rejuvenate ourselves. It is a perfect time to think and to plan. Some of you may know that our backyard will be undergoing a major transformation this year. Who knows it may make in the garden tour in the distant future. I am sure that everyone has little projects that need to be attended to and this is the perfect time to do it.



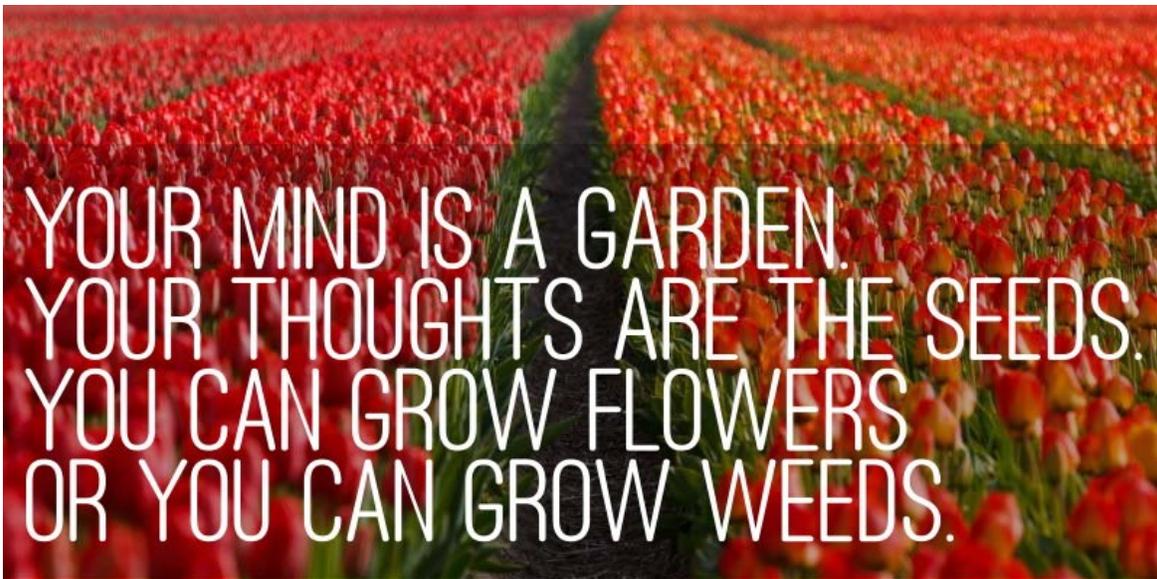
Paula has been very welcoming and I would like to thank her for her guidance and encouragement. It will be great to have her experience to help guide us through the coming months. I also look forward to working with the rest of the executive and the board. It is a pleasure to be a part of a quality organization.

This month and in the coming months we will be looking at how to increase our numbers and to encourage new life to our committees. Since our last meeting I have thought long and hard about this and I see this as major stumbling block. We need volunteers to run our programs and if we have the same people running one or more programs they become tired. Goodness, I would not want people to think of their volunteer time as a job. I think it is safe to say that people joined the society as a way to meet people with similar interests and to expand their knowledge. So let's put on our thinking caps and see if we can brainstorm some ideas on how to address these issues.

This year will have its challenges and as a group we will take them as they come. We have all worked very hard to keep a certain quality of programs running within the society and we should all be very proud of what we have accomplished.

"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour" - John Boswell.

Wendy Funk-Death



Renew your Oakville Horticultural Membership



O. H. S. Annual General Meeting—Pot Luck Dinner...



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Oakville Horticultural Society held on December 10, 2018

Officers and Directors Present:

Paula Clayton – President
Heather Reccord – Secretary
Larry Urbanoski – Treasurer

Florenda Tingle-Director
Myroslawa Lukiwsky-Director
Sheelagh Rowland-Director

Invitees:

Lianne Krane – Assistant District 6 Director

Members:

40 of 103 voting members present

Call to Order:

The Chair (Paula Clayton) called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Agenda:

It was moved by Marie Decker that the circulated agenda be adopted. Florenda Tingle seconded the motion and the members consented to it as written.

Awards (Paula Clayton)

Presidents Awards were presented to Margaret Larson, Merlene Hall, and Wendy Funk-Death. Two special posthumous awards were awarded to Stuart Gough and Cathy Ryan.

President's Annual Report:

Paula Clayton addressed the members and briefed them about the accomplishments of the OHS during the past year. New initiatives included the showing of the film, "The Gardener" in conjunction with the Bronte and Burlington Horticultural Societies and hosting a booth at the spring Oakville Lifestyle Home Show. OHS also continued its contribution to Family Day, the Junior Gardener Program, the Plant Sale and the Garden tour, the awarding of the second OHS Scholarship to Ella Daly, the Speaker series, the volunteer Appreciation Tea, the District 6 events, the Floral, Horticultural and Photography Shows, and the society's Community Gardens which include the *Garden for Life*, *Fields of Spring* and the Memorial Park Community garden.

Paula noted that our membership numbers are in flux and encouraged all members to become involved in the activities of the society.



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!!!



Treasurer’s Report:

The Chair requested that the Treasurer present the audited Financial Report for 2017-2018.

Total Revenue:	\$17,643.00	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$15,570.00</u>	
Net Income:	\$ 2073.00	
Assets:		
Bank Account	\$13,004.00	
Savings Account	\$10,002.00	
GIC	\$35,000.00	
Accrued Interest	\$ 470.00	
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 39.00</u>	
Total Assets	\$58, 515.00	(this includes \$4,629.00 in restricted funds)
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Society’s Equity	\$58,515.00	

Larry Urbanoski moved that the financial statement of October 31, 2018 be accepted. Celia Roberts seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Chair of the Budget Committee, Larry Urbanoski, then presented the proposed budget for 2019.

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget was made by Larry Urbanoski, seconded by Celia Roberts and carried.

Larry Urbanoski discussed the need for an upgraded sound system which is not reflected in the budget that was presented. Larry made a motion to approve the purchase of a sound system at a cost of \$3300.00 which was seconded by Margaret Larson and carried.

Elections:

The following individuals presented themselves as candidates: Paula Clayton for Co-President, Wendy Funk Death as Interim Co-President, Larry Urbanoski for Treasurer and Florenda Tingle for Secretary. The executive officers were acclaimed and sworn in by Assistant District Director Lianne Krane.

The following individuals were presented as candidates for the Board of Directors: Myroslawa Lukiwsky, Wade Pitman, Jana Schilder, Helen Stephenson, Sheelagh Rowland. The directors were acclaimed and sworn in.

Conclusion:

A motion to adjourn the AGM was made at 9:40 p.m. by Paula Clayton and carried.



How would you like it if you couldn't buy chocolate anymore? It would be a major calamity wouldn't it? That nightmare scenario grabbed my attention recently when I read an article in the Globe and Mail about saving the world's chocolate.

Most of the world's cacao trees, from which cocoa is derived, were developed from a small range of clones in the 1940's. Crops with such a narrow genetic base are susceptible to the same diseases and weaknesses, and in the late 70's the cacao crop in Costa Rica were attacked by the fungus *Moniliophthora roreri* (why do bad fungi have such horrible names?) and by 1983 the export of dry cacao beans had fallen by 96%. Crops from other countries were not yet infected, but in an age of globalization it would surely happen.

Now Costa Rica hosts the International cacao collection comprised of 1235 varieties, though many of them are unsuitable for making chocolate. From them Dr Phillips Mora, the director, took the tastiest, most productive, and disease resistant varieties and hybridized six new cultivars which were on average three times more productive and much more disease resistant than the old varieties which they are now replacing, but it is a slow process.

A similar story concerns the banana. Fifty years ago the most common banana, the Gros Michal, was destroyed by Panama Disease, caused by a fungus called *fusarium oxyporum*. It was replaced by the Cavendish banana, (which was developed 130 years ago in the greenhouses of Chatsworth House in my native Derbyshire. Very rich people did that sort of thing in those days, so that they could boast exotic fruits out of season.) Panama Disease has no cure, and it is now spreading to the Cavendish banana so there is a race to develop a suitable alternative.

I wrote about genetic diversity in a recent newsletter, and these two examples show that loss of diversity is not just a theoretical concept. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization says that 75% of the world's genetic diversity has been lost to the world's farmers, and for North America the figure is a depressing 90%

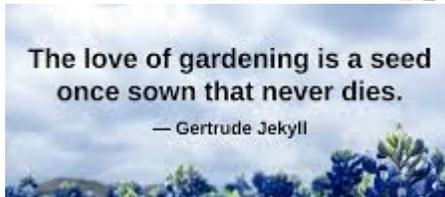
Crop diversity matters for a number of reasons.

1. Ensuring food security. - We must not rely on just a few varieties. See cacao and banana!
2. Adapting to climate change. - We must develop new varieties which will better tolerate heat, drought, floods, and disease.
3. Safeguarding biodiversity. – We must protect the diversity of wild plants, from which our cultivated varieties are originally derived, because they have proven resilient and resistant to disease and changing climatic conditions for centuries.
4. Protecting nutrient security. – Genetic diversity enables the development of more nutritious varieties which supply more vitamins and essential minerals.
5. Reducing poverty. – Higher yielding crops with more nutritional value will feed the poor in under developed countries.
6. Ensuring sustainable agriculture. – Diversity of available crops allows farmers to select varieties most suitable for their local conditions with minimum environmental impact. Our best insurance against crop disasters, which often give us several years notice, are the global seed banks. There are over a thousand of these around the world. The largest of these is the Royal Horticultural Society's at Kew, with over a billion seeds, and the doomsday one, immune to all identifiable disasters, is the Svalbard vault in Arctic Norway.

What can you do to help? Not much really, beyond being aware and giving vocal support, and growing and buying open pollinated varieties.

Happy garden catalogue browsing,

David Marshall.



Oakville Horticultural Society – the Year in Review

January to December 2018

At the close of each year, our Society must reflect on its activities and confirm that we are meeting the mandate prescribed for us by the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. These formal obligations include:

1. Holding meetings about the theory and practice of horticulture;
2. Encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers on public and private grounds;
3. Promoting outdoor beautification;
4. Arranging field trips, competitions and exhibitions related to horticulture and awarding prizes;
5. Distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;
6. Promoting the protection of the environment;
7. Promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media;
8. Promoting the therapeutic benefits of horticulture; and,
9. Stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture.

We held ten meetings through the year – May and September at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre and the remainder at Knox Church in downtown Oakville.

This year's Oakville Horticultural Society's highlights included:

- Providing quality speakers.
- Offering 'Fun with Flowers' - a free flower arranging workshop for Family Day.
- Holding a photography show and competition at the March meeting.
- Holding flower and horticulture shows and competitions at meetings from April to June and October and November.
- Participating in the Spring Oakville Lifestyle Home Show.
- Delivering a successful Plant Sale.
- Collaborating with the Bronte and Burlington Horticultural Societies to offer members and the general public the opportunity to view the award-winning documentary The Gardener.
- Put on a floral workshop on Miniatures.
- Offering a well-attended Garden Tour.
- Continuing our incredible Junior Program
- Partnering with the Town of Oakville to provide support to new gardeners with town allotments.
- Second year of the annual scholarship.
- In conjunction with the District 6 Fall Breakfast Meeting, offered a workshop on Basic Floral Design.
- Celebration of our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Thanks to Margaret Jeffery, Myroslawa Lukiwsky and Heather Reccord, our monthly speakers brought their extensive knowledge and covered a wide range of subjects. These included Cathy Kavassalis on Choosing Small Trees; Paul Zammit on his horticultural journey; Kat Granger on Heirloom Seeds; Dugald Cameron on Summer Bulbs; Halton Master Gardeners Marsha Gettas, David Marshall, Donna Parker and Lorne Sparrow hosted our annual May 'Ask a Master Gardener' session; OHS Scholarship winner for 2017, Katherine Keary, updated us on her U of Guelph studies and research on improving the disease and draught tolerance of plant material; George Prieksaitis and Asa Sjoberg told us about their incredible bird sightings in their Bronte backyard; Larry Peterson discussed Plants and Beneficial Fungi; and, in November, Liz Primeau told us all about garlic.

more society news...

Make A Difference



As in previous years, our talented floral arrangers shared their artistry at our April to November meetings, and gardeners showed off their most beautiful flowers, vegetables and plants at our monthly shows. Both of these aspects of the exhibit component of our meetings offer an excellent opportunity to learn and share. Thanks to Marie Decker and Valerie Westwood for their good work and excellent organization. And to ensure that members have the chance to learn and improve their skills, Marie and Elizabeth Schleicher put on a floral workshop on Miniatures in the spring and, in conjunction with the District 6 Fall Breakfast Meeting, offered a workshop on Basic Floral Design.

We must thank our Hospitality team - Valerie Rugh, Wendy Funk-Death and Olga Woroniuk - for ensuring that every meeting and special event included delicious refreshments. Thanks also to Florenda Tingle and Lee Manley for bringing us great raffle prizes at every meeting. Our monthly meetings were times for learning, making connections and building friendships. Thank you all for attending.

Outside of our meetings, there was a lot of activity as well. In spite of many unavoidable 'under construction' interruptions, the gardens at Anderson Parkette were maintained through the growing season, thanks to Margaret Jeffery and Florenda and Ron Tingle. We also connected to members every month with the excellent OHS newsletter, brought to us by the talented Myroslawa Lukiwsky. Meanwhile, Wade Pitman ensures that our website is up to date, accessible and a delight to visit (new members have said that they joined because of a visit to the OHS site!) and Veronica Heiderich maintains our Facebook presence in excellent order. These efforts help us meet our mandate to circulate horticultural information. Anyone who enjoys writing articles or creating posts is most welcome to join our team of superlative communicators.

We held two fundraisers this year. Our May Plant Sale raised over \$7,000 and our educational and entertaining June Garden Tour made over \$3,000. Thanks are due to Sheelagh Rowland, Marie Decker, Wendy Funk-Death, Florenda Tingle and Diana Wright, as well as the many volunteers who made these two hallmark activities so successful. Led by Florenda Tingle, we also continued the Family Day tradition of hosting a Fun With Flowers event – this year with 4 sessions and over 100 happy floral design learners! Under Helen Stephenson's leadership, our Junior Gardener Program was fully subscribed and offered 'budding' horticulturalists an opportunity to grow their families' produce for the season, as well as learning about the importance of insects and birds to plant production.

We added three new initiatives to our schedule this year. Thanks to Florenda, we secured a free booth and were able to participate in the Spring Oakville Lifestyle Home Show. This gave us access to a large number of local residents interested in improving their homes, inside and out. We also found an opportunity to collaborate with the Bronte and Burlington Horticultural Societies in offering members and the general public the opportunity to view the award-winning documentary The Gardener. Many thanks to Heather Reccord for her work 'behind the scenes' finding a suitable venue and connecting with the film distributor. Lastly, and thanks to Helen Stephenson, we partnered with the Town of Oakville to provide support to new gardeners with town allotments, matching experienced OHS members with interested residents over the course of the spring and summer.

Now in its second year, there were a number of excellent candidates for our OHS Annual Scholarship and we were pleased to announce that it was awarded to Ella Daly, who entered the Master of Science in Forestry program this fall at the University of Alberta.

From teaching the young the joys of gardening to meeting and learning together, we are a Society that makes many positive contributions to life in Oakville. We can be proud of all of our accomplishments in 2018.

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

10:30am-4:00pm For more details, please

visit our website at www.opl.ca/blog/seed-library/ starting Sep. 24.



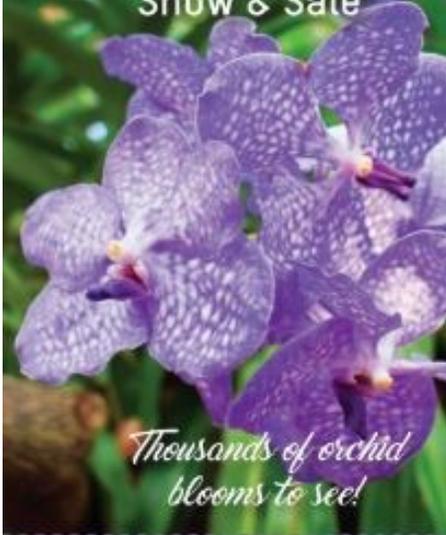
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Saturday, February 23, 2019
Noon - 5pm

Sunday, February 24, 2019
10am - 5pm

Photographers Sunday
8am - 10am

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www.osrbg.ca

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*SPRING IS JUST AROUND
THE CORNER*

Join us for **THE OHA
District 6 Spring Breakfast**



Hosted by: **The Flamborough
Horticultural Society**
Celebrating 80 years



Date: Saturday February 23, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

**Where: Cannon Nurseries @ 656 Robson Road,
(For All your gardening needs) Waterdown, ON.**

Key Note Speaker:

Marilyn Cornwell

**Speaking on a NEW and informative talk
"The Evening Garden"**



A delightful Continental Breakfast will be provided,



did you know...



did you know . . .

2018's United Kingdom Tree of the Year winners revealed

Northern Ireland: The Giant Sequoia, Castlewella Forest Park, County Down The striking giant redwood – also known as giant sequoia – stands within the walled garden at Castlewella Forest Park. With an awe-inspiring 19 trunks, it's a firm favourite with young climbers, who are suitably amazed when parents point out that the multiple trunks are in fact *one* incredible tree. The tree was grown from one of the original seeds first brought back to England, from California, in 1853 by the Renowned collector William Lobb. He dashed to the Sierra Nevada in 1852 when he first heard of these monster trees anticipating correctly that the species, renowned for being the world's largest tree, would be hugely popular among Victorian collectors.



England: Nellie's Tree, Aberford, Leeds. A beech tree created to woo a sweetheart 100 years ago. For many years, it has been understood to be a meeting place for local lovers and a popular place to pop the question, has been crowned England's Tree of the Year. The tree was grafted from three saplings to form an N by Vic Stead who would make a daily walk to see his girlfriend Nellie. They would later marry.

Scotland: Netty's Tree, Eriskay, Outer Hebrides. Planted over 100 years ago by the poet, priest and land rights activist, Father Allan McDonald, this spruce was until a few years ago the only tree on the windswept island of Eriskay. Netty MacDonald lived on the nearby croft and encouraged all the island's children to play on the tree as their cries and laughter reminded her of her own family who had grown up and moved away to work. Netty died some years ago but her daughter Anne is back on the croft and continues the tradition.

Wales: Pwllpriddog Oak, Rhandirmwyn, Carmarthenshire. Standing in a hedgerow just outside the quiet village of Rhandirmwyn in Carmarthenshire, this tree is a giant, with a girth of some 8.4 metres. Some have estimated it to be 600-700 years old, while local historians believe it was planted to commemorate the Battle of Bosworth. It is reputed to have been the hiding place of a king; the local pub is known as the Royal Oak, after all. The tree is hollow, and there are a number of YouTube clips of bands and choirs singing inside it. Many years ago it is understood to be a meeting place for local lovers. The farm used it as shelter for the pigs and now the ducks from the current owner roost and hatch in the branches.

To view the other trees, please visit : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45904724>

2018's European Tree of the Year winners revealed

Portugal: Whistler Cork Oak Tree, Region: Aguas de Moura, Alentejo Species: Cork Oak (Quercus Suber) Age: 234 years. The Whistler owes the name to the sound from countless birds that lay on its branches. Planted in 1783 in Águas de Moura, this cork oak has already been stripped more than twenty times. In addition to the contribution to the cork industry, it has huge relevance for ecosystem services and fighting climate change. With 234 years, the Whistler has been classified as "Tree of Public Interest" since 1988 and is registered in the Guinness Book of Records: "the largest cork oak in the world".



The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



WE NEED A STRONG, INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO

POSTED ON [NOVEMBER 26, 2018](#)

Ontario is about to lose the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, as part of cuts announced by the Ford government on November 15, 2018. The details were laid out in [Bill 57](#), which includes proposed amendments to the province's Environmental Bill of Rights.

For the past 25 years, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario has operated as an independent officer, appointed by the Ontario Legislature, not the party in power. It has served the Legislature and the public with careful research, clear explanations and early warnings on issues ranging from air quality through pollinators to wetlands. Some highlights of the ECO's work are:

- *providing an independent, expert voice speaking up for nature and the environment at Queen's Park*
- *publication of annual updates on environmental protection, climate change and energy efficiency*
- *being a guardian over the public's right to comment on environmental concerns*

More information on the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario here: <https://eco.on.ca/>

Please consider sending a letter to Premier Doug Ford and your local MPP encouraging them to restore the role of the ECO in its entirety.

Petitions are available via the organizations and links here: [Green Prosperity Ontario](#) OR [Ontario Nature](#)

Christmas Tree Drop-Off

December 27, 2018 to January 14, 2019

Below Laking Garden – 1200 Spring Garden Rd Burlington
Princess Pt – 335 Longwood Rd, Hamilton

The Christmas tree barriers at the mouth of Grindstone creek are helping RBG to rebuild creek channels. Creek channels that have disappeared since the invasive non-native Common carp have been prevalent in Hamilton Harbour. Rebuilding the creek channel allows RBG to work towards restoring the floodplain ponds by protecting them from the destructive activity of carp. This facilitates the regrowth of marsh plants creating habitat for native fish and wildlife. Old Christmas trees are an ideal building block for these areas with fluctuating water levels. They sit on top of the unconsolidated mud without sinking into it, however when they are packed down tight they create a barrier to fish.

As the years go, the old Christmas trees break down and compress further. RBG adds new trees to the top to maintain berm heights that will protect the floodplain ponds during high water levels. You can help by donating your Christmas tree. Just be sure to remove ALL of the decorations. Ornaments do not make good habitat features for fish!

Trees will only be accepted at the following addresses: Below Laking Garden (1200 Spring Garden Rd Burlington), or at Princess Point (335 Longwood Road, Hamilton). Trees will NOT be accepted at RBG Centre or any other garden areas.



did you know...

Galt Horticultural Society
28th Annual Dream Garden Conference
Sunday, January 20th, 2019



Doors will not be open until 9:00 AM
Conference 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Hespeler Memorial Area – Beehive Hall
640 Ellis Road, Cambridge, ON N3C 4N1

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Author – Artist – Gardener

Little Known Spring Bulbs

Denis Flanagan

Landscape Ontario

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For more details, please email lynne@galthort.com

Or call Lynne at 519-841-3325

Collect your tickets at the door on January 20th 2019

Master of Ceremonies: David Hobson



Calendar of Events

January 10	Eco-Movie Night: The Woman Who Loves Giraffes
	7:00 - 9:00 PM Venue: Film.Ca Cinemas - 171 Speers Rd. Admission: \$2/student, \$5/adult Dr. Anne Innis Dagg retraces the steps of her groundbreaking 1956 journey to South Africa to study giraffes in the wild – and discovers a startling contrast between the world of giraffes she once knew and the one it has become. Weaving through the past and present, her harrowing journey gives us an intimate look into the factors that destroyed her career and the forces that brought her back.
January 14	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
January 25	Tree Risk Assessment and Mitigation
	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre Fee: \$180 (M 10% off) Kyle Berwick, ISA certified arborist, provides an in-depth introduction to how trees live and grow, respond to their environment, and common structural defects. Part of the day is outdoors and focuses on how to rate tree risk and methods of mitigating this risk in this professional and practical workshop. ISA approved course.
February 11, 25, March 4, 18	Landscape for Life
	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.
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 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/ starting Sep. 24.
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.



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

