



## Oakville Horticultural Society April 2020

### April Monthly Meeting

**Date:** April , 2020

**Location:**

**Set-up Volunteers:**

**Hospitality Volunteers:**

**Flower Show Clerks:**

The April 13 Oakville Horticultural Monthly meeting has been cancelled due to health risks of COVID-19. This is not something the Executive Committee had any choice about doing, but is now required of all of us to slow the spread of this pandemic. Given the rapidly changing nature of the situation, we do not have a specific resumption of activities date to share with you today. We will continue to assess the environment and make the decision that is best for our membership.



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.”

- CHARLES DICKENS

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As I write this, I am aware that our uncertain times continue, and the situation may be very different by the time this message reaches you. I hope you are all coping as well as can be expected and are feeling healthy and secure.

Due to the current health restrictions on public gatherings, you are all no doubt aware that meetings everywhere are being cancelled. As announced by special message to all members on March 24, our general meeting scheduled for Monday April 13 has been cancelled. We cannot say whether the May meeting will also be cancelled but I want you to know that the OHS executive will continue to meet through electronic means. There are many decisions to make, even with the limited information we have, about the numerous events and activities normally undertaken every Spring.

We are putting a number of programs and events into the 'wait and see' category, because we can not predict when normal activities might resume. These include the Junior Gardener program, which would normally begin recruiting families now. Helen and Nino are considering all options in the hopes that this popular initiative will be able to run this spring.

We are also reviewing the timelines leading up to a successful Plant Sale (May 16) to determine when we will be able to decide if this important fund-raising event will proceed. And the same applies to the Garden Tour we have been planning for June 14.

As you know, our Society is part of a district and we have obligations to that body and our neighbouring societies to be active in these larger assemblies. Having said that, the District 6 Annual General Meeting that was planned for Saturday April 18 cannot take place as planned. Instead, it will be replaced by a call in meeting to legally postpone District elections to another date. This necessary move requires that at least 2 members participate from each Horticultural Society in the district. All members are welcome, so please let Marie Decker know ([mardecker12@gmail.com](mailto:mardecker12@gmail.com)) if you would like to be on the call.

We realize that we have no control over the larger picture, but we do want to be ready if it is possible to go ahead with our usual activities. This means that we will need our talented and ever-willing members to be healthy and available to volunteer when the situation improves. Please let us know if there is any way that we on the executive can help you.

Let's hope this unprecedented global situation improves. We are gardeners, after all, and that means we are by nature optimists. Wishing you good health and safe times in the coming weeks.

Paula



May's meeting: Speaker: Kevin Kavanaugh

Topic: Rhododendrons and Azaleas

June's meeting: Garden experts to Answer your Gardening Questions

Please email your questions to: [info.ohs@oakvillehort.org](mailto:info.ohs@oakvillehort.org)



We need your help!



Ken Brown March 's Speaker with Larry Urbanoski and Paula Clayton



society news...



Judge's Choice: Red Kale  
Elizabeth Schleicher



1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Four Seasons  
Marie Decker

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**ELIZABETH SCHLEICHER**



# Dig and Divide Method



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STUART GOUGH



[https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/trillium\\_cover\\_2020\\_spring.jpg](https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/trillium_cover_2020_spring.jpg)



Spring has finally arrived and so has the Spring Trillium Edition! Enjoy the newsletter which is jammed packed with lots of news, event information and much more!



society news...

Postponement of the District 6 Annual General Meeting and organization of an on-line special meeting on April 18 to legally reschedule the District 6 2020 elections.

March 23, 2020

To all District 6 members:

District 6 is required to hold an on-line business meeting on April 18 to reschedule our 2020 elections. While the District can, and has, postponed the Annual General meeting (AGM) to June (date as yet undetermined) the District cannot legally postpone the elections advertised to take place on April 18 without holding meeting to do so. The on-line meeting must occur on April 18, the originally advertised date of our elections. The protocol to follow has been sent to us by the OHA' Catherine McGill will arrange for an on-line meeting to be held April 18. We will let you know what time and how to join the meeting as soon as we have that information.

In order to hold a meeting to re-schedule our elections, we have to have our usual quorum of 40 District 6 members from 11 different District 6 societies on line for the meeting. To ensure we get a quorum, your ADD will be in touch with your society to ask for two members from each society to join the on-line meeting. Your ADD cannot be counted as one of those members. Your ADD will also ask you to send the information contained herein to all members of your society to invite them to join the meeting if they wish to do so. This must happen or we are not transparent in our business dealings.

The whole meeting will only take about 30 minutes once everyone is on line. Please send the names of at least two members, or as many as you have who wish to join the meeting and their society affiliation, to Catherine and myself so we can ensure the quorum and the completeness of the minutes that must be recorded for this meeting.

The whole meeting protocol along with the specifics of the four motions that are required has been written out and will be made available to everyone who requests it and to all who sign up for the on-line meeting.

Please do this as soon as you can an get back to us as we have only ,three weeks to make this happen. The up-side is that this is one exciting thing you can do while we are all shut in our homes due to the corona virus outbreak.

Thank-you for your assistance and co-operation.

Marie Decker, District 6 Secretary

Catherine McGill , District 6 Director

**PLEASE NOTE**

As previously mentioned, District 6, to comply with election protocol, are scheduling on April 18, an on-line meeting to resolve the rescheduling of elections. This will require 40 members from at least 11 societies to participate in this on line process. The Oakville Horticultural Society is looking for a minimum of 2 members to join the meeting. Should you be interested in participating in this process, please contact Marie Decker (905-844-1837 or by email [mardecker12@gmail.com](mailto:mardecker12@gmail.com)) who will facilitate your participation and provide the necessary documents.





I bet you missed it like most of us did. The 68th session of the United Nations declared 2016 to be the International Year of Pulses. No, not the one on your wrist, silly, most of us have one of those. They were referring to the sub species of legumes called pulses.

Pulses are the dried seeds of legumes which are used for human consumption. These include beans, peas, lentils, chick peas, and a number of minor legumes. They are a very important source of protein particularly in developing countries which cannot afford much animal sourced protein.

Pulses date back to at least the sixth century BC, when they were grown along with ancient grains in the Fertile Crescent, which was the area between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates in present day Iraq and Iran. And pulse recipes were found in the pyramids written on cuneiform tablets.

Consider these benefits of pulses to our health and the environment:

1. They are a major source of protein, soluble and insoluble fibre, amino acids, complex carbohydrates, folate vitamins and minerals.
2. They are low in fat and sodium and have no cholesterol or gluten and have a low glycemic index.
3. They have a low water consumption for production, much less than animal protein. For example, beef requires a staggering 1853 gallons per pound (This includes water to produce its food, to drink, throughout its life, and to process the carcass etc.), pork requires 756 gallons, chicken 469 gallons. Compare this with soya beans 216 gallons and pulses 41 gallons, and so they can be grown in locations unsuitable for other crops and for animals (except perhaps goats)
4. They have low fertilizer requirements (and remember that most fertilizers are made from oil or natural gas), because legumes obtain their nitrogen from the atmosphere by means of a symbiotic relationship with bacteria which allows it to be stored in nodules on the plant roots.
5. They reduce emission of nitrous oxide (a greenhouse gas 300 more times potent than carbon dioxide) which is produced when microbes act on excess chemical fertilizer in the soil.

If you missed International Year of Pulses all is not lost. You can still participate in the annual World Pulses Day on February 10th. Darn it, you missed that too. But don't wait until 2021. Google Pulse recipes and you will find lots of recipes from appetizers to desserts.

For more information please visit: <http://www.pulsecanada.com/>

Happy cooking,

David Marshall



# Magnificent Minestrone

SERVES 8-10 (MAKES 6 LITRES) | TAKES 1 HOUR

This soup is packed with hearty vegetables and pulses. Feel free to make it your own by replacing any of the ingredients with ones you have in your fridge or cupboard

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 bay leaf (optional)
- 1 cup (250 ml) green cabbage, shredded
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) pepper
- 8 cups (2 L) reduced sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1-19 oz (540 ml) can or about 2 cups cooked white kidney or great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-19 oz (540 ml) can or about 2 cups cooked red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-19 oz (540 ml) can or about 2 cups cooked chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups (500 ml) macaroni or other short pasta, cooked (optional)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) thyme leaves, finely chopped
- 1-19 oz can (540 ml) diced tomatoes
- 2 medium zucchini, chopped

## DIRECTIONS

1. Cook pasta according to directions on package. Cook until al dente, drain and toss with half the oil. Set aside.
2. In a large saucepan, heat remaining oil. Add garlic and sauté over medium heat until golden. Add carrots, celery and onion. Cook until soft, stirring often, about 10 minutes. Add thyme and bay leaf and raise heat to high. Add beans, chickpeas, tomatoes, cabbage, zucchini and chicken stock and bring to a boil.
3. Lower heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes, skimming foam from top.
4. Season with pepper and remove bay leaf. Add cooked pasta and enjoy.

## Community Food Centres Canada Recipe Cookbook

[www.pulsecanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Community-Food-Centres-Canada-Recipe-Book.pdf](http://www.pulsecanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Community-Food-Centres-Canada-Recipe-Book.pdf)

## Cooking with Pulses Cookbook

<http://www.pulsecanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Cooking-With-Pulses.pdf>

For more great recipes, please visit:

<http://www.pulsecanada.com/resources/>





# OHA Convention 2020

July 17– 19, 2020

*Hosted by District 10*



## Inspired by Nature

*Learning Growing Blooming*

### London



society news.....

For more information:

<https://gardenontario.org/convention/>



# All Creatures, Small and Smaller



OTTAWA, ONTARIO (Dec 2, 2019). Canadians may be surprised by the diversity of little, and little-known, species struggling within the country's borders. Close to half of the 21 wildlife species assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) in November are small and underappreciated.

*Shagreen © Annegret Nicolai*

These species include a globally rare moss whose current Canadian range is a single square metre of limestone cliff in Haida Gwaii on Canada's West Coast; a tiny mustard plant found only in Northern Québec, where the entire known global population consists of 25 individuals; and a goldenrod that occurs in Canada on one small island in Lake Huron.

The future for Slender Yoke-moss "looks dire", said René Belland, Co-chair of the subcommittee tasked with its assessment. The moss was healthy when a sprig was collected in 1994 but today the colony is overgrown by algae and lichen. "Haida Gwaii is a haven for rare and interesting mosses" Belland added, "but this one is the most at risk." It was assessed as Endangered.

Slender Yoke-moss wasn't the only assessed species confined to limited habitat. Newly discovered, Puvirnituk Mountain Draba is a tiny mustard plant found on a pair of hills in Northern Québec, where it lives on geologically peculiar, uncommon orange gravel. Further south, Gillman's Goldenrod occupies a few large sand dunes on Lake Huron's Great Duck Island. Here it is threatened by Glandular Baby's Breath, an invasive relative of the well-known bouquet flower. As Jana Vamosi, Co-chair of the subcommittee tasked with assessing these plants noted, "Species that live in such rare habitats always face greater risks. Some may even be just one big storm away from oblivion." More searching is needed for the remote draba, and it was assessed as Special Concern. The goldenrod was assessed as Endangered.

For more information about the rare moss, please visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/cosewic-assessments-status-reports/daltons-moss-2019.html>

**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

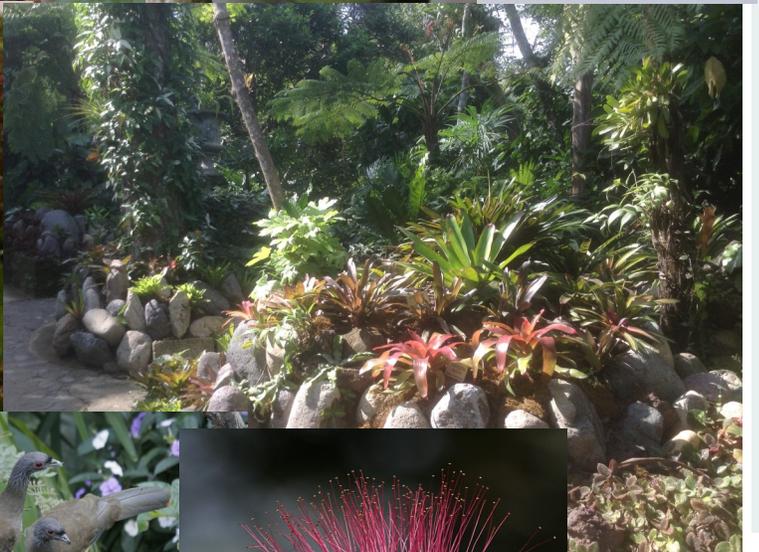
If any of our members need a gardening fix in April, think about going to the Anderson Parkette (corner of Rebecca and Forsythe) on your own or with someone you live with to do a bit of spring cleanup. Just drop me (Florenda Tingle ([florendatingle1@gmail.com](mailto:florendatingle1@gmail.com))) a line to let me know when you are heading over so we don't end up with 2 or three folks there at one time. **Social Distancing** is in place and we want to follow that protocol but still get outdoors to do spring things safely if we can. Florenda Tingle ([florendatingle1@gmail.com](mailto:florendatingle1@gmail.com))



did you know...



The **Vallarta Botanical Garden** is a 64-acre (26 ha) botanical garden at 1,300 ft. (400 m) above sea level, near Puerto Vallarta. The garden was founded in 2004 and has been open to the public since 2005. The collections showcase plants of the **Tropical Dry Forest Biome**, native to the region around Puerto Vallarta and in which the Gardens are located, as well as exotics from around the world. **Orchid** conservation and propagation is a focus of the garden's mission. These can be found on trees throughout the grounds and in the Holstein Orchid and Vanilla House. Other notable collections include oaks, bromeliads, [agaves](#), [cactus](#) and wild [palms](#). The Vallarta Botanical Gardens actively participates in public environmental education through tours and classes. For more information, please visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vallarta\\_Botanical\\_Gardens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vallarta_Botanical_Gardens).



in the garden of ...



Brian Yager and Jane Thomas Yager grew up in Montreal. Our careers brought us to Fonthill, Ontario in 1985. In 1990, Brian and Jane moved with their three children to Oakville. Our memories of living in Oakville are so very special. Our children graduated from QE Park High School and then continued their studies at universities. While in Oakville they enjoyed participating in competitive swimming and hockey. We are fortunate that they still live in the Toronto area and we also now enjoy watching our 4 grandchildren grow up. We have always enjoyed outdoor activities including backyard gardening and

learning how to care for animals and grow fruits and vegetables with Brian’s grandparents on their farm in Hemmingford, Quebec.

In 2002 our summer vacation consisted of a three week camping trip to visit Newfoundland. This is the year our journey to Eastern Canada became a destination. In 2012, we sold our home in Oakville and relocated fulltime to Newfoundland.

We are always happy to tell our story of our journey to Ferryland, NL and how we started growing vegetables on a 1000 square foot garden and currently operate a small farming enterprise on 5 acres of Crown land.

Here is a 30 minute podcast, recorded at our dining room table in Ferryland, in August 2018 by Dr. Ivan Emke, recently retired research professor at Grenfell Campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland in Corner Brook. <http://previous.ncra.ca/dspProgramDetail.cfm?programID=213915>

We will strive to keep future newsletter submissions both interesting and informative. We have learned many things since starting our farm in Newfoundland and are anxious to share our experiences with you.

Stay well, be safe and let’s look after one another as we tread through these challenging times battling the Covid-19 virus. Summer will arrive and we can all look forward to enjoying it in our gardens.

brian’s journey...

When the Natural Gardener started farming it was important to make good use of the available soil amendments found locally from the ocean as well as the land. This mainlander soon discovered that kelp (seaweed) is loaded with micronutrients which all plants require to grow and thrive. Fish is not only good to eat, but also a great natural source of nitrogen and organic matter. With the lack of topsoil available on the Avalon Peninsula these soil amendments have been used by generations of farmers and kitchen gardeners.

We also discovered that concentrated kelp liquid could be made into excellent nutrient sources and easier to use than whole kelp or fish. We developed products which are branded as Plant Booster. They can be used directly to the soil or sprayed on the foliage of plants. We have a limited supply in Ontario that we would like to make available to OHS members and friends. Each 2 litre bottle makes 20 litres of soil conditioner. We are selling them for \$15 each (hst incl),



with \$5 from each bottle purchased going back to the OHS.

To order, please contact Brian by phone/text at 709-330-0889. Pick ups or deliveries can be arranged! Etransfers can be made

to: [naturalgardener2013@gmail.com](mailto:naturalgardener2013@gmail.com)

Magic word: garlic



## Use the Goodness of Newfoundland Sea Kelp to Make Your Garden Grow

**Need help (kelp) for your garden ?**  
Use the goodness of Newfoundland sea kelp to make your garden grow!

**What is plant booster?**  
It is a concentrated kelp liquid.

**How does it work?  
(how will it work for my plants ?)**  
Kelp has natural growth hormones, vitamins and minerals for:

- ✓ improved seed germination
- ✓ more extensive root systems
- ✓ healthier foliage and flowers

A time-honored tradition in Newfoundland, using kelp to grow healthy food and strengthen plants has been updated to deliver a liquid concentrate to all who love gardening.

The Natural Gardener, Brian Yager, began using liquid kelp concentrate soil conditioners in his own garden in Ferryland in 2012 and his plants have never been happier. The fresh kelp is washed to reduce salt content and then allowed to steep in fresh water to produce a "kelp tea". Through a process of decomposition, the kelp becomes a dark liquid rich in micronutrients, which plants require for growth.

Harvested from beaches on the Irish Loop of the Avalon's Southern Shore, kelp's nutrients added to your soil will:

- ✓ *Improve seed germination*
- ✓ *Help plants develop more extensive root systems to produce healthier foliage and flowers*
- ✓ *Contribute to your plant's resistance to diseases and pests*

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did you know....



Hollyhocks originated in Asia and the area around the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. These stately beauties belong to the Mallow (Malvaceae) family, which includes an unbelievable 1500 different species out of which 27 genera are found throughout North America. Members of this plant family have a distinctive look, so if you think that Hollyhocks remind you of Hibiscus (like I do), you're not out of your mind.

Alcea is a genus of about 60 species of flowering plants in the mallow family Malvaceae, commonly known as the hollyhocks. The single species of hollyhock from the Americas, the streambank wild hollyhock, belongs to a different genus.

**Scientific name:** Alcea  
**Family:** Malvaceae  
**Order:** Malvales  
**Rank:** Genus  
**Higher classification:** Mallows  
**Kingdom:** Plantae



## Our native plant sale is back!

Update: COVID-19 situation! We would like to ensure you that we will consider safety seriously and take all necessary precautions to avoid people contact in order for customers to receive their plants. We are following the situation closely and are in touch with our supplier so we will keep you updated once we work out the details for May 9th. Do not hesitate to contact us at [president@oakvillegreen.org](mailto:president@oakvillegreen.org) with any questions or concerns. Our popular native trees, shrubs and garden kits sale is back! Looking to add beauty & colours to your yard? Check out the full list of items & place your order today: [store](#).



Online orders accepted from March 2 to April 27, 2020

**Pickup:** Purchased orders pickup on Saturday May 9th, 2020 9am- 12 pm

### Aralia cordata 'Sun King'

Common Name: Golden Japanese Spikenard

Looking for something uniquely different for shade? Try this tropical-looking golden beauty with large compound leaves that measure up to 3 feet long!

An excellent complement to hostas and woodland perennials, 'Sun King' emerges mid-spring with bright gold leaves held on nicely contrasting reddish brown stems. If given at least a few hours of sun a day, the foliage will remain yellow all summer. In heavier shade, the foliage ranges from chartreuse to lime green.

This plant quickly forms a large clump of foliage which amazingly resists deer browsing. It reportedly grows just three feet tall and wide, though many plantsmen believe it will grow larger over time.

In mid to late summer, interesting racemes of tiny white flowers are produced followed by deep purplish black, inedible berries. Like most Aralias, the flowers attract honeybees.

Characteristics:

**Height:**  
3.0 Feet

**Spread:**  
3.0 Feet

**Hardiness Zones:**  
3,4,5,6,7,8,9

**Flower Colour:**  
White Shades

**Foliage Colour:**  
Green shades Yellow shades

**Sunlight:**  
Part Shade (4-6 hrs. Direct Sun)

**Water Requirements:**  
Average Water Needs Consistent Water Needs

**Bloomtime:**  
Midsummer Late Summer

**Origin:**  
Not Native to North America



## Stuff of fairy tales: stepping into Europe's last old-growth forest

There is almost nothing left of Europe's famed forests, those that provided for human communities for millennia and gave life to the world's most famous fairytales. This doesn't mean that there aren't forests in Europe, far from it: approximately 35 percent of the EU is currently covered in forest. But almost all of this is either plantations or secondary growth, having been logged sometime in the last few hundred years and in many areas logged in the last couple decades. This is why, according to author and guide, Lukasz Mazurek, the Bialowieza Forest is so special: "You really feel here like you travelled back in time some hundreds or thousands of years."

Straddling the border between Poland and Belarus, the Bialowieza Forest (World Heritage Site) is Europe's last lowland old-growth forest, parts of which have never been cut by man. The entire forest covers about 140,000 hectares, or around 15 percent the size of Yellowstone National Park. Here, trees are king: growing over 40 meters (over 130 feet) tall, some were saplings when Christopher Columbus was born.

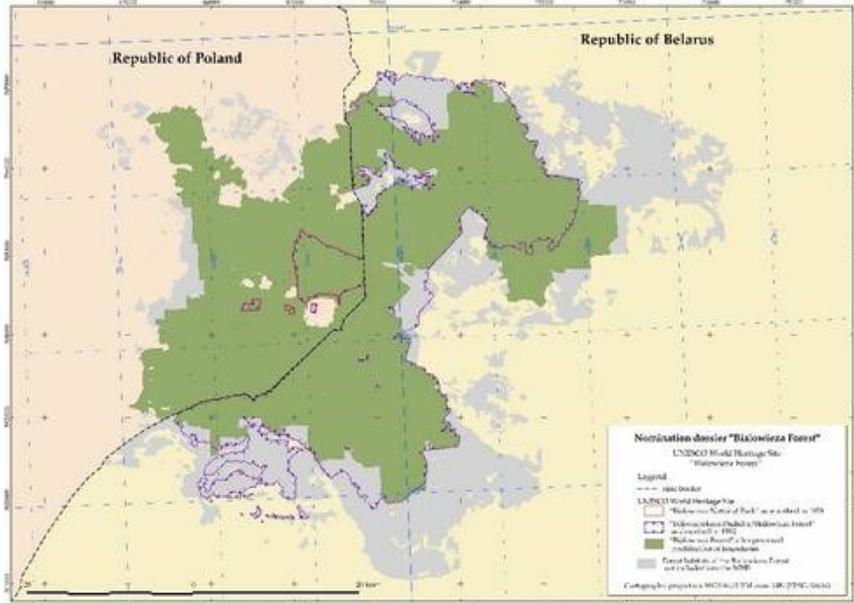
Moreover, most of Europe's Forests are now bereft of their megafauna: bears, wolves, red deer, moose have all seen their ranges squeezed considerably in the last few centuries. Other species have vanished altogether: it's hard to imagine that Europe's forests used to include lions, hyenas, elephants, rhinos, and giant cattle known as aurochs, which only went extinct in the 17th Century.

But, in Bialowieza, says Mazurek, "The food chains are almost unbroken." The forest is home to wolves, lynx, boar, elk, red deer, roe deer, and its most iconic animal, the European bison (*Bison bonasus*). This species, the biggest land mammal in Europe, went extinct in the wild in the 1920s, but has since made a remarkable come-back.

"It was individuals originating from Bialowieza Forest that were selected from several zoological gardens across Europe and used to rebreed the species in the Bison Restitution Center in Bialowieza later," says Mazurek. "Currently there are circa 3,000 European lowland bison living in the wild in several countries in Eastern Europe and Russia, about a half of them in Poland. All of them are descendants of these few animals from Bialowieza."

An expert on Bialowieza, Mazurek guides wildlife tours to the forest (along with other places in Poland), has written the ultimate [guide](#) on the UNESCO World Heritage site, and runs the popular [Wild Poland](#) website.

Mazurek says the reason portions of Bialowieza remained uncut for centuries while the rest of Europe's forests were decimated was ironically due to hunting for the rich and powerful.



did you know . . .



## Stuff of fairy tales: stepping into Europe’s last old-growth forest continued....

“This forest has been a restricted royal hunting area since the early 15th Century. When Poland lost independence and Russians took over this area at the end of 18th Century, the tzars of Russia continued the hunting tradition here and again it was saved from logging.”

But, today, the park’s greatest threat is logging around the edges of the old-growth forest.

“380 square kilometers - more than half the forest on the Poland side—are still logged by the State Forestry Company. They have some limits on cutting down old trees, trees with nest holes etc. but they still remove a lot of dead wood and many of these restrictions are not completely respected, as I have heard,” says Mazurek, adding, “We are in the 21st Century, part of the European Union, quite a modern and developed country by now and we keep cutting down this small remaining bit of the natural lowland broad-leafed forest, the last remaining area of this kind of habitat in Europe. Even Belarus, still a very communist country, is in a better state—they have more area of this forest on their side, 800 square kilometers versus our 600 square kilometers. And they protect it all! We don’t.”

Mazurek says that wildlife tourism can play a big role in moving conservation efforts further, especially by instilling in locals a pride for their home forest.

“Here, wildlife tourism is still undervalued, in my opinion,” Mazurek notes. Our role in conservation is quite simple and it works through reason and through money. The success of any conservation activity nowadays strongly depends on the engagement of local society. We raise awareness among the local society in a very direct and effective way... Those who observe us—the local people—start respecting the environment when they see others, foreigners, visiting and admiring their back yards. This is very visible with locals we interact with directly—owners and workers of hotels, restaurants, bus drivers, etc. It’s enough to say that some of these people have now bought a pair of binoculars and are happy to share their recent sightings each time they see us with a group of tourists.”

In a July interview with mongabay.com, Lukasz Mazurek talks about what makes Bialoweiza Forest one of Continent’s most splendid natural areas, the state of wildlife tourism in the region, and one of his favorites animal encounters (hint: it involves wolves).

**Accredited to: Mongabay (news.mongabay.com) written by: Jeremy Hance**



My son's best friend's parent's business has been hit hard by the recent events and stores shutting down. They are a wholesale grower of potted and garden plants. They own Zomer's Greenhouses in Milton and they have suffered massive order cancellations from their wholesale customers and are now in danger of having to compost their entire Cyclamen and Easter Lily crops. In order for them to try and salvage some of their plants and to try and spread some cheer, they are offering home delivery of their plants and I was hoping that some people would be interested in helping a local business through these hard times. They are a great family and do lots to support the communities within Halton.

The details are as follows: They will be offering local delivery Thursday and Friday of this week. Orders of \$25 or more will qualify for free delivery. Orders under \$25 will be subject to a \$5 delivery fee. They will deliver to Milton, Georgetown, Oakville, Acton if there are enough orders and parts of Mississauga (West of Highway 10, South of Steeles). Deliveries will be porch drop offs to remain safe. Pictures are in the comments to show plants and prices (includes taxes). Please feel free to call them with any questions you may have 905-878-4741. Orders should be placed by email for tracking

purposes [zomersgreenhouses@yahoo.ca](mailto:zomersgreenhouses@yahoo.ca) <mailto:[zomersgreenhouses@yahoo.ca](mailto:zomersgreenhouses@yahoo.ca)> .

Please send an e-transfer to this email address as well. You can find further information on their Instagram account @zomersgreenhouses.



April 13	<b>Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street</b>
<b>Temporary Closure</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
April 7 to 28	<b>RBG : Design Your Ideal Garden</b>
<b>Temporary Closure</b>	Fee: \$210. 6:30 - 9:30 pmat the RBG Centre Work with an experienced landscape designer to create your ultimate backyard. Using simple steps and plenty of examples, we'll create plan drawings for your ideal garden. Discuss decks, privacy for an urban retreat, rain gardens and incorporating vegetables, native plants, composting, shade structures, permeable paving and more.
April 18	<b>RBG Speaker Series: Paul O'Hara A Trail Called Home: Tree Stories from the Golden Horseshoe</b>
<b>Temporary Closure</b>	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; <u>RBG Centre</u> Enjoy a guided hike with Paul O'Hara to learn firsthand what he has experienced over his 25 years of tree study. Paul is a past RBG employee, writer, field botanist, landscape designer and native plant gardening expert. \$18. (\$6 for RBG Members) pre-registration required
April 25	<b>RBG Plant Faire</b>
<b>Temporary Closure</b>	9:00 am - 2:00 pm Free admission. RBG is proud to present its third annual Plant Faire, a great way to get a head start on the gardening season, find unique plants for your home garden, and speak to passionate gardening professionals.
May 16	<b>Oakville Horticultural Plant Sale</b>
<b>On Hold</b>	<b>Plant Sale: May 16, 2020 8:30 am - 11:00 am Location: 1469 Nottinghill Gate (Glen Abbey United Church Fourth Line &amp; Upper Middle Road) Come join us for a wonderful day!</b>
June 4	<b>RBG Speaker Series: Barb McKean Climate-Smart Gardening</b>
<b>Temporary Closure</b>	The impacts of climate change are becoming more tangible with each passing year. Figuring out how to take action is a daunting task, but a meaningful form of climate change action lays right at your doorstep. Check back for pricing and registration information.
June 14	<b>Oakville Horticultural Society Garden Tour</b>
<b>On Hold</b>	<b>Sunday, June 14th, 2020 11:00 am 4:00 pm a self-guided tour of our lovely gardens. Tickets are \$15.00 each, or 2 for \$25.00 Rain or shine join us for a wonderful day visiting the Gardens of Oakville! For more information, please refer to our website: <a href="http://www.oakvillehort.org">www.oakvillehort.org</a></b>
July 17-19	<b>2020 Annual OHS Convention</b>
	Join us for the 2020 Ontario Horticultural Convention on July 17-July 19 in London, Ontario, hosted by District 10. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://gardenontario.org/convention/">http://gardenontario.org/convention/</a>



World Environment Day is held on June 5th every year. It isn't a public holiday, it is an environmental awareness day, run by the United Nations. It is sometimes also unofficially called Eco Day or Environment Day. The aim of the Day is to raise awareness of the environment and specific environmental issues.

