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Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Welcome to the August edition of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. (MGOI) Newsletter. Our focus is on you, Master Gardeners! This is your vehicle for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 31 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. The Newsletter features member milestones, new group projects, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and activities of our groups and our members. And pictures – please feel free to submit pictures!

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Milestones

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Ontario Volunteer Service Award
Kelly Noel

Members of MGOC enjoyed a beautiful evening and potluck dinner (including a plant exchange) at the home of Gail and Ray Labrosse. This was the perfect opportunity to present Kelly with her Award.

Nancy McDonald, left, presents Kelly Noel, right, with her Ontario Volunteer Service Award

Grey County Master Gardeners

New Master Gardeners in Training
John Weidendorf
Gary Kenny

Mississauga Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training
Jeanne McRight

Transfer
Doris Powers - transferred from Mississauga MGs to Rideau 1000 Islands MGs

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

5 Year Anniversary
Dyann Sheppard

Bunchberry Voted Canada's National Flower in Ontario Master Gardener Contest

The Master Gardeners have submitted an online petition to Parliament to have Bunchberry, the winner of the Ontario Master Gardener contest, declared Canada's official National Flower; the petition is open for signature until November 8, 2017, at 3:02 p.m. (EST).

To add your signature to the petition, please go to:
https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1179

For more information, contact:
Maureen Hulbert at 416-670-6616
maureen@downtoearthtoronto.com

What a legacy for the Master Gardeners of Ontario if we can say that we made this happen!

Cornus canadensis
Photo courtesy of Todd Boland
Photographer

Master Gardeners Out & About:
Projects & Events

Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour
Details: Thunder Bay & District MGs had a great day in July answering visitor questions and providing plant information during the annual Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour. This tour is a fundraiser for the gallery, and gives the public the opportunity to tour the gardens and question Master Gardeners about the large variety of plants. Each garden had at least one MG in attendance – larger gardens had two – and we fielded many questions about the plants and garden practices. Each garden had a "Master Gardener's pick" – a unique or particularly interesting or useful plant in each garden.

Jerusalem Sage (Phlomis sp.)

Mary Thillman, MG

Deer demolished a few different plants and grasses

MGs Linda Sharp & Lynda Lahteenmaa

A metal sculpture the garden owner brought back from Tucson AZ, suitably placed amongst some rocks

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Summer Garden Tour 2017
Details: Master Gardeners from Ottawa - Carleton did a one-day garden tour in June, starting at Rideau Woodland Ramble. They then visited Labour of Love, Oxford Station, Machal Garden, Spencerville, and Van Berlo Garden in Maitland.

O-C MGs members at the Machal Garden.

Mississauga Master Gardeners

Name: 'Little Green Thumb Children's Garden'
Dates: Feb. 10 – 13, 2017
Details: Shirley Daniels and Michelle Wilson from the Mississauga MGs coordinated the International Centre Home and Reno Show 'Little Green Thumb Children's Garden'. The many volunteers came from the Master Gardeners and the Chinguacousy Club and Horticultural Society. It was such a fun event for both children and adults.

Susan Quirk, left with Shirley Daniels

The event consisted of providing an Advice Clinic along with children's activities such as: creating a bird feeder from pine cones; decorating a pine cone (owl); potting a grass head; growing a bean; potting a spider plant; making your own paper pot to plant a marigold; and colouring.

There was a display table on how to regrow your kitchen scraps along with instructions.

This event started as one day in 2016 (on Family Day), and was so popular that the organizers asked to have it for three days in 2017.

Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

Name: MG Summer Luncheon
Date: August 12, 2017
Details: It's been a strange, wet summer here in The County and we were all glad to take a break from the powdery mildew, earwigs and flooding.
We enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at Sandra Goranson's home. After holding a short meeting, we shared a delicious pot luck luncheon.

Left to right: Joyce Young, Marlene Phillips, Alex Wiens, Ren Duinker, Alice Lumley, Susan Warrack, Sandra Gorenson (hidden Maxine Thompson).

Sandra Gorenson's Garden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto

Dates: Friday, August 18th – Monday, September 4th

Details: Mississauga Master Gardeners organized the Advice Clinic at the CNE again this year. Master Gardeners representing groups from all over Ontario will be available to answer questions. The clinic is situated in the Enercare Centre close to the Ricoh Coliseum.

Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Advice Tables - Hymers Fall Fair
Date: September 3rd – 4th, 2017

Details: Thunder Bay & District MGs will be hosting advice tables at Hymers Fall Fair on Labour Day weekend, September 3rd and 4th.

Niagara Master Gardeners

Name: Plant Sale
Date: Saturday, September 9th, 2017
9 a.m. - Noon
Location: Vineland Research & Innovation Centre

Northumberland Master Gardeners

Name: Hundred Mile Diet
Date: September 10th, from 10-4 at St. Andrew's Church in Grafton, ON
Details: Northumberland MGs will be participating in the tenth annual Hundred Mile Diet event which promotes and celebrates growing and producing local food.

Name: The Port Hope Fair
Dates: September 15-17, 2017

Details: The Port Hope Fair is a full country fair that has been an annual event since 1831! Northumberland MGs will be on hand offering gardening advice and meeting the community. We will be distributing packets of tulip bulbs to the first 100 visitors to our booth.
Fun for all! Everyone welcome!

Etobicoke Master Gardeners & Humber Arboretum

Name: Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series – Pruning
Date: Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

Details: Hosted at the Centre for Urban Ecology, Humber Arboretum.

To register please visit humberarb.eventbrite.ca

Save the Date

Name: Coordinators' Conference
Date: Saturday, October 14th, 2017
Location: Landscape Ontario, Milton ON

London Middlesex Master Gardeners

6 CEU Technical Update
We're Going Native!

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2017 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: London Civic Garden Centre
625 Springbank Drive, *London, Ontario,* N6K 4T1
Details: 3 great speakers plus lunch, snacks and beverages.
Limited to 60 participants. Register early to guarantee your spot!

Speakers:

1. **Ben Porchuk:** Ecologist, Carolinian Cda Coalition, Director Restorative Nature Experiences
   "Plant Guilds"
2. **Kyle McLoughlin**: Consulting Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture, Writer
   "Native Trees & Shrubs"
3. **Michelle Kanter**: Carolinian Canada Coalition-ED, Biologist.
   "In the Zone - Using Native Plants to Transform the Urban Landscape"

Early bird Registration – prior to Sept 15: $ 50pp.
After Sept. 15th: $60pp
Questions? Contact us at lonmidmastergardeners@gmail.com
Register at www.londonmiddlesexmastergardeners

Ottawa-Carleton & Lanark County Master Gardeners

Technical Update (TU):

Topic: The Resilient Gardener
Date: October 21st, 2017
Location: Ottawa
Details: This TU is hosted jointly by the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton and the Lanark County Master Gardeners

Grey County Master Gardeners

Technical Update/Annual Gardening Seminar: "Food for Thought"

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017
Location: Harmony Centre, 890 4th Avenue East, Owen Sound
Cost: No charge (donations appreciated)
Registration Information: Contact Roberta Brignell at 519-422-1195; robertarbrignell@gmail.com
Topics: Three guest speakers will talk about different aspects of the history, importance, and latest methods of growing your own food. Speakers:

- Gene Petonoquot, Elder, Saugeen First Nation: history of agriculture in the Saugeen Territory
- Ben Caesar, Owner, Fiddlehead Nursery: designing an edible perennial garden
- Nancy Lee-Colibaba, RBG: small space vegetable gardening

Richters Herbs

Location: 357 Highway 47, Goodwood, ON L0C 1A0 (north of Toronto to the end of the 404, then east to Goodwood); Tel. 1.905.640.6677 Fax. 1.905.640.6641
Details: Richters Herbs is offering seminars at their greenhouse location throughout the year. For more information visit:
https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=Events/events.html
Richters also offer free on-line seminars at:
https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events2016.html

The 2017 Richters catalogue is available, and is filled with culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs and seeds.

Summer Feature - Master Gardeners Gardens 2017

A special summer addition

Carole McCollom, Thunder Bay & District Master Gardener

A photo of the hypertufa butterfly dishes I have been creating. This one in my garden attracts a great variety of butterflies. As they cannot land on water to drink, the butterflies like wet sand and gravel - there is no drainage in the dish, so the gravel is always wet. This has Hens and Chickens (Sempervivum), but I have used different varieties of Sedum to create an attractive planter. It is so enjoyable to watch the butterflies!

I hope other people will run with the idea - so easy to make but great for the butterflies. This is one I made for a friend.

Lois Fowler, Toronto Master Gardener

I love Bee Balm. It's whimsical, it's colourful, it attracts the bees and hummingbirds!

Ottawa-Carleton Master Gardeners

This Gaillardia is blooming splendidly in Nancy McDonald's garden. The plant came from seeds found in Kelly Noel's loot bag at the 2nd Canadian Master Gardener Conference. Kelly planted the seeds and brought a seedling to our 2016 summer potluck where it was quickly claimed by Nancy.

Tanya Crowell, Northumberland Master Gardeners
I was particularly pleased by the vibrancy and colour array of my Coneflowers (Echinacea) this year. Shown here with balloon flowers (Platycodon grandiflora), Liatris, and a deep red Euphorbia, they made a pleasing entrance to our front door!

Isabel Belanger, Etobicoke Master Gardeners
I have a particular fondness for Petunias. After visiting the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit at the AGO I couldn't wait to get home to capture my version of the humble Petunia.

Stuart Plummer (MGiT), Mississauga Master Gardeners
This large Rhododendron is a focal point in my garden. The garden was included in the Canadian Cancer Society Garden tour.

Linda Melady, Prince Edward County
When we moved to The County the old schoolhouse we moved into had been neglected for many years. There was no garden – only piles of rubble and old bones (!). This was one of the first beds I put in and each time I look at it, it reminds me of my daughter who was married in the garden on that auspicious date, 07-07-07.

MGOI CLOTHING

As Tena, our Angel of Alliteration, said: AVOID NAKEDNESS at MG events – shop at the MG store. Choose from T-shirts, golf shirts, jackets, sweatshirts and fleece vests, all in Ladies and Mens sizes. Or choose the apron or hat! All have the Watering Can logo embroidered as shown.

Gildan Heavy Cotton T-shirt
$11.99

Gildan V-Neck Ladies T-shirt
$11.99

Gildan Long Sleeve T-Shirt
$15.99

Biz Sprint Polo
$19.99

Biz Sprint Polo Ladies
$19.99

Gildan Crewneck Sweatshirt
$19.99

Gildan Full Zip Hoodie
$29.99

Fleece Vest
$35.99

Trimark Elgon Jacket
$75.99

Go to https://mgofall17.itemorder.com/ to order.
The store will be open until September 5.
All items will be available for pickup at the Coordinators' Conference on October 14.
There is a $4.95 handling charge per order so why not combine your order with other members of your group to share that cost.
More items on next page!

Trimark Elgon Ladies Jacket
$75.99

Trimark Flint Jacket
$54.99

Trimark Flint Ladies Jacket
$54.99

Pocket Apron
$25.99

Richardson Wide Brim Sun Hat
$35.00

Fleece Vest LADIES
$35.99