



*Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario*

# Inside

# MGOI

Welcome to the June 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

### Durham Master Gardeners

#### New Master Gardener in Training

Anne Van de Velde

Welcome Anne!



### Lindsay & District Master Gardeners

#### New Master Gardener in Training

Jen Bird, spring 2018

#### Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

The following Lindsay Master Gardeners received 2018

Ontario Volunteer Service Awards:

Larry Lenhardt (25 years)

Carm Hamilton (25 years)

Ann Langham (25 years)

Dave McLean (25 years)

Christine Halbot (15 years)

Bev DeLenardo (15 years)

#### Member Transfers

Cauleen Viscoff

Colleen transferred to Lindsay MGs from Peterborough 😊.

#### Member Profile - Larry Lenhardt: Biography

Larry, a 4-H and Junior Farmer Association member, a graduate of the Ontario Agriculture College, U. of Guelph (Horticultural Science, 1970) managed a diversified 500 acre tender tree fruit farm with processing plants and cold storage, then served as a Teaching Professor at Sir Sandford Fleming College's School of Environment and Natural Resource Sciences until 2001. He co-ordinated the two year Farm Management Program which became the first eco-agricultural training program in Canada. He was founding co-ordinator of the Forest Nursery Program which helped establish greenhouse culture of the commercial coniferous forest tree species in Ontario. He was acting co-ordinator for the two year Pest Management Technician program.

Larry was founding director and secretary treasurer of Organic Crop Improvement Association Ontario, the first organic certification agency in Canada, from 1985 - 1991.

He, with four others, established Organic Crop Producers and Processors Ontario Inc. (OCP), a registered Canadian not-for-profit certification agency, in 1991. He and his partners operated a 150-acre certified organic farm (KHOF Ltd.) producing beef, vegetables and rhubarb.



Larry Lenhardt

Larry is Past President of Lindsay and District Horticultural Society; founding member of Lindsay & District Master Gardeners; Past President of the Canadian Organic Advisory Board, Central Ontario Beekeepers Association, and Ontario Institute of Agrologists; Director of Organic Foods Conferences Canada Inc.; founding committee member of the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority (KRCA); founding chair of Friends of KRCA; and was CEO of OCPP Ontario Inc. and President of OCPP/Pro-Cert Canada Inc. (OC/PRO), an accredited organic certification agency working in Canada and North America, until September 1, 2007.

Larry volunteered for the Canadian Executive Service Association (CESO) in Hungary, Serbia, Bolivia, and twice in both Ecuador and China. He served on the Ontario Environmental Farm Plan, the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) consensus committees for the establishment of the Canadian Organic Standard (CAN/CGSB 32.310-99), and the CGSB committee 'To Label or Not Label Genetically Modified Foods'. He served on the Canadian Organic Regulatory Committee and as an alternate on the CGSB committee that revised the Organic Standard, CAN/CGSB 32.310-2006. In November of 2003 he was named to Canada's Expert Committee on Organic Agriculture and established OCPP/Pro-Cert Bulgaria E O O D, a certification agency working in Sofia, Bulgaria and in Serbia. During 2004, he was active on the Administration and Co-ordination Working Group of the On-Farm Safety Strategy for Ontario; and in late 2005, he worked in Bolivia with the Department of Economic Development to establish a national accreditation program for the denomination of origin and organic certifications. He was a Director of the Organic Council of Ontario and is President of the Organic Food Conferences Canada Inc., which operates the Guelph Organic Conference. In September 2007 he became Zone 9 Director of MGOI, and set up Organic Advocacy, National and International Consulting within Lenhardt Associates Hort. Techniques Ltd.



## Toronto Master Gardeners

### 30 Year Anniversary

Rosemary Dobson

Toronto Master Gardeners (TMG) would like to



*Rosemary Dobson*

congratulate Rosemary on her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary (along with the TMG 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary) as she was an inaugural member of the organization and has provided invaluable service to both the TBG and the public for all those years.

**Rosemary's reminiscences:** My graduation with 23 others was on the first Tuesday of March 1990. I chaired as I was the Chair of the group and helped organize the occasion that was held in the Floral Hall. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) had paid for our courses from Guelph University as well as paying the cost of a catered sit-down meal for each graduate. We were able to bring a paying guest.

Ruth Friendship Keller, who worked for OMAF in Guelph and was in charge of Ontario MGs and Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) programmes, was a guest.

Other guests were Sally Sullivan, CGC Director, CGC Horticulturist and our MG Coordinator Anne Marie Van Nest and her assistant Helen Craig, and also the OHA president. We had a guest speaker, Dr. Brian Bixley. The MGITs for 1989 & 1990 also paid to attend, with most bringing a partner. They have pictures in the archives of the event.

### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Congratulations to our 2018 grads!

Susan Brown  
Pat Concessi  
Carole Dumas  
Lois Fowler  
Sheila Halls-McCarthy  
Karen Hughes  
Jan Neumann  
Trixie Reichardt  
Veronica Sliva



*From left to right: Jan Neumann, Veronica Sliva, Susan Brown, Pat Concessi, Lois Fowler, Karen Hughes, Sheila Halls-McCarthy, Trixie Reichardt. Absent: Carole Dumas*



## Thunder Bay Master Gardeners

### Recommend Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott Tutorials

In Thunder Bay we follow Professor Linda Chalker-Scott PhD on Facebook on the Garden Professors <https://www.facebook.com/TheGardenProfessors/> and the blog: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GardenProfessors/about/>

She is involved with a large number of people engaged in horticulture and only puts forward ideas and concepts that have been approved by other horticultural scientists.

She came up here to Thunder Bay two years ago for a day-long Technical Update on garden myths and other concepts and we had a full hall of people listening to her. A number of people now follow her on Facebook.



*Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott signing books at the Thunder Bay MG Tech Day*



*Checking out the Sleeping Giant - MGs Ralph Bullough & Lynda Bobinski with Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott*

The Science of Gardening by Dr Scott is a Great Course available from 'Fine Gardening'. It consists of 24 30-minute lectures enhanced with beautiful photographs, videos, and illustrations.

This course is not expensive and I believe that this is a great way to educate not only new MGs but all MGs. This would be a very good resource for MGITs who are preparing for the Certification exam.

Check it out!

**The Science of Gardening** – <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/6fine>

Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott has a Ph.D. in Horticulture from Oregon State University and is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist and an American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) consulting arborist. She conducts research in applied plant and soil sciences, publishing the results in scientific articles and university Extension fact sheets.

*Ralph Bullough, Thunder Bay Master Gardeners*

(Editor's note: Ralph is a 28 year MG and a two-time former president of MGOI.)



*Thunder Bay MGs (back row) Holly Rupert, Eloise Rodger & (front) Ralph Bullough, Mary Thillman, Carole McCollum*



## Master Gardeners Out & About: Projects & Events

### Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

**Name:** Farmers' Markets Advice Clinics

**Details:** Ottawa-Carleton MGs offer advice clinics at many Farmers' Markets in the City of Ottawa.



*MGs Josie Pazdzior (L) and Ann McQuillan (R) at the opening day of the Lansdowne Farmers' Market Advice Clinic*

### **Name: Factsheets – Check Them Out!**

**Details:** Ottawa-Carleton MGs have factsheets posted on the public side of our webpage that may be of interest to other MG groups.

Thank you to MGs Catherine Disley and Margaret Ryan who just completed reference sheets for our clinic binders. The pictures of pests and plant diseases help when answering questions at our clinics and you may wish to take a look:

<http://www.mgottawa.ca/Factsheets.php>

### **Name: Master Gardeners Garden visits**

**Details:** Ottawa-Carleton MGs are visiting member gardens this spring and summer. One of the gardens on tour belongs to Gillian Boyd who has been a member of Ottawa-Carleton MGs since 1990. Visiting Gillian's garden is like finding a piece of Fletcher Wildlife Gardens in an Ottawa home garden. Native plants abound and there is a respect for all aspects of nature.

The two pictures are from Gillian's front garden and luckily, she is in one!



*MG Gillian Boyd in her front garden*



### **Brantford Master Gardeners**

**Name: Glenhyrst Family Day**

**Date:** May 27, 2018

**Details:** The Brantford Master Gardeners participated in this annual event held at the Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant.

Approximately 300 children participated and learned how to plant marigolds. It was a fun and educational event for the children.



## Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

### Name: Container Planting Demonstration

**Date:** June 2, 2018

**Details:** Working with other groups in our communities is an integral part of Master Gardeners. Recently, we held a container planting demonstration to raise funds for our local library's expansion.



*Sandy Goranson, left & Ren Duinker*

### Name: Joyce Young's Garden

**Details:** Joyce, 90 years young last month (you may remember the PEC MGs birthday celebration from the previous Newsletter), has been out & about in her garden. She was caught dividing a huge Hosta when Ren Duinker dropped by.



*Joyce Young's Side Garden*

### Name: County Blooms Garden Show

**Date:** June 16, 2018

**Details:** The County Blooms Garden Show is a major event in Prince Edward County (PEC) and the Master Gardeners have been a part of it for many years. We work closely with our friends at PEC Horticultural Society, who spend months organizing this event. It draws people to Wellington, ON from miles around, and this year's show was a huge success.

We answered questions ranging from aphids to the browning of yews to how to grow cannabis to slugs and snails and much more.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to the show!



*Barbra Stock, left & Sandy Goranson answering questions at County Blooms. Photo: Ren Duinker*



## Etobicoke Master Gardeners

### Name: Islington Nurseries Advice Clinics

**Dates:** Saturdays and Sundays, May 19 to June 24, 2018

#### Details:

EMGs hosted advice clinics on weekends at a local nursery, answering questions and concerns, and providing advice and guidance to nursery shoppers.



*Paivi Evars is ready to answer garden questions at Islington Nurseries*

## Lindsay & District Master Gardeners

### Name: Various Projects

**Details:** Lindsay Master Gardeners are involved with the following projects:

- The Kirkfield Library Children's Teaching Food Garden
- Lindsay Farmer's Market Saturday Master Gardener Question/Answer Advice Clinic
- Lindsay Community Gardens
- The Lilacs of Lindsay Garden
- Bobcaygeon Community Gardens
- Guelph Organic Conference
- Fleming College Sustainable Agriculture Program

### Name: Seminars – Lindsay Library

**Dates:** April 21<sup>st</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Details:** Lindsay Master Gardeners gave 2 seminars at the Lindsay Library. The seminars covered cool and warm crops for spring and summer growing, including soil preparation, compost, organic growing, and troubleshooting various gardening challenges such as pest control, pH, fertilizing, mulching, hybrids versus heritage varieties, and organic culture.

These seminars always go over well and are well attended.

We also give away various starter plants such as tomatoes, peppers, kale, potato seed, onions, shallots, and lots and lots of packages of seeds.

Our purpose for the "give aways" (seeds & plants) is to provide gardeners (new and experienced) with the "right" varieties for our climate and soil type so that they are successful gardeners right away, rather than struggling with varieties that do not serve them justice.....we stress to our attendees that they need early maturing varieties, improved disease and pest resistance, cool soil vigour and fruiting in cool nights. Tomatoes and peppers are on the top of the list.

We have had the same people returning for 3 straight years in a row.....and some have commented that our seminars are the only ones that they attend because they get so much valid and current information. 😊



*Tomato from Seed*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Etobicoke Master Gardeners

**Name:** Lee Valley Advice Clinic

**Dates:** from 12:30 – 4:30 pm on:  
Sunday, July 8, 2018

**Details:** Etobicoke Master Gardeners will host their last Advice Clinic at Lee Valley in July. Their address is: 167 Chrislea Road, Vaughan, ON  
For directions to Lee Valley visit [www.leevalley.com](http://www.leevalley.com)

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### 2018 National Extension Master Gardener Coordinators Conference

**Dates:** August 6-9, 2018

**Location:** Madison, Wisconsin, USA

**Details:** This year's conference for group coordinators is a great mix of learning and networking opportunities. Our guest speakers and selected coordinators will be presenting on topics ranging from program development to diversity and inclusion.

We have also very intentionally built in ample space and time for networking and brainstorming with peers and colleagues from coast to coast.

Everything you need to know is online  
<https://fyi.uwex.edu/emg2018/>.

Registration is currently open and is \$300 per person U.S. after June 1.

You can register online  
at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/emg2018/registration/>.  
Lodging information is also available on the website.



### Toronto Botanical Gardens

**Name:** Zimsculpt

**Dates:** August 3 - September 30, 2018

**Details:** A FREE outdoor, dazzling exhibition and SALE of hand carved stone sculptures by contemporary Zimbabwean artists will be displayed throughout the gardens. There will be demonstrations, sales, night events, etc. Visit:  
<https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/zimsculpt/>

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### Mississauga Master Gardeners

**Name:** Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

**Date:** August 17 to Sept 3, 2018

**Details:**

Hello Master Gardeners,

Spring is underway but now it is time to plan for the summer event of the year!

The CNE runs from August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> this year, and Master Gardeners will be there again. Just like last year we will have two places for Master Gardeners for each of three time slots: 10:00am-1:00pm; 1:00pm-4:00pm; and 4:00pm-7:00pm. This is ideal for getting in more advice hours if you need them.

The CNE means entertainment, concerts, shopping and fun for the whole family. You will get your free admittance ticket so stay and enjoy the day and evening. The sign-up sheet goes out May 31<sup>st</sup> to all coordinators. As always the first email received is the first on the list. Hope to see you there!

*Co-coordinators Shirley Daniels and Susan Quirk*





## Etobicoke Master Gardeners

**Name:** Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series - Birds, Bees and Veggies

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, 10 am – noon

**Details:** Hosted at the Centre for Urban Ecology, Humber Arboretum. Future workshops will take place on Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 23 and Apr. 13, 2019.



Stay tuned. To register please visit:

[humberarb.eventbrite.ca](http://humberarb.eventbrite.ca)

## Durham Master Gardeners

**Name:** Durham Master Gardeners Open House

**Date:** September 27, 2018 in Oshawa

**Details:** Featuring Lorraine Johnson as the keynote speaker, more information on registration and community partners will follow in the July newsletter.

**COORDINATORS – MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

## 2018 Coordinators' Conference

**Date:** October 13, 2018

**Location:** Bethel Church in Waterdown, ON

**Details:** They have a large parking lot, well lit hall and large kitchen. More details to come.

## Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners

**Name:** Edible Landscapes: Kingston Home Gardeners Conference

**Date:** Saturday October 27, 2018

**Details:** Special guest Diana Beresford Kroeger (author of *The Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*) will attend. Topics covered are featured in the green box.



## Richters Herbs

**Details:** Richters Herbs offers seminars at their greenhouse location throughout the year. For more information visit:

[https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=../events/event\\_s.html&cart\\_id=2154123.16186](https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=../events/event_s.html&cart_id=2154123.16186). They also offer free on-line seminars at:

[https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events\\_2016.html](https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events_2016.html). The 2018 Richters catalogue, filled with culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs and seeds, is available.

**Calling all MGs – We would like to feature a photo of YOUR garden in the July or August issue. Send photo to [newsletter@mgoi.ca](mailto:newsletter@mgoi.ca). Include your name, group and a caption telling us what we are seeing!**

