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Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Welcome to the October 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

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

10 Year Anniversary
Ray Bielaskie

New Master Gardeners in Training
Janet Graham
Louise Edwards
Welcome!
Louise is a transfer from Saskatchewan.

Ontario Volunteer Service Award
Lillian Brown

Lillian Brown, right with Ray Bielaskie and Suzanne Zacharczyk, Co-ordinator, right

Northumberland Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved
Tanya Crowell

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Master Gardener Status Achieved
Amanda Carrigan
Faith Schmidt

New Master Gardeners in Training
Karen Hawley
Wendy Sexsmith

A Visit to New York City's High Line

by Isabel Belanger, Etobicoke Master Gardeners

The High Line is New York City's garden in the sky. Okay, perhaps not the sky but it is elevated at least two stories above the cacophonous streets of New York.

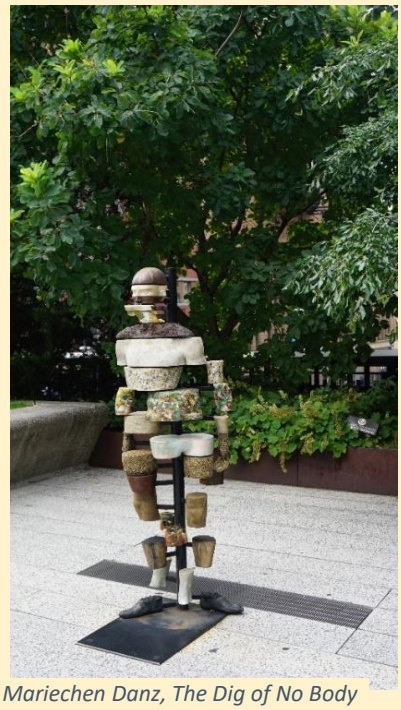
View from the High Line

It opened in 2009 and is planted on old railway tracks – trains serviced the Meat Packing District and points along the way from 1933 until the 1960s – and runs for 1.45 miles (2.3 km) along Manhattan's west side south from the Hudson Railyards to the Meat Packing District.

Railway Ties

There are stairs up to the High Line at points along the way, and some locations are wheel chair accessible. Although my fear of heights knows no bounds I felt completely comfortable walking the High Line.

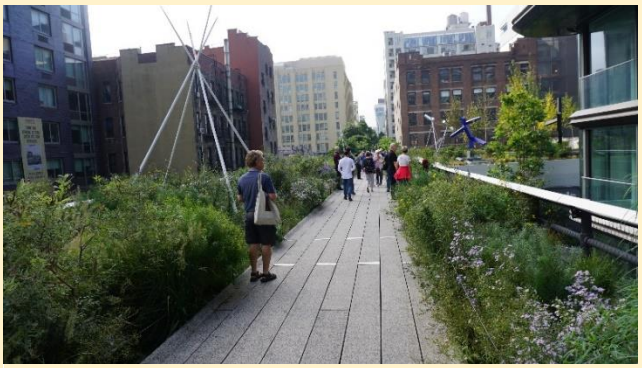
Internationally renowned Dutch Landscape Designer Piet Oudolf was commissioned to design the plantings. The park is managed and maintained by the Friends of the High Line in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.



Mariechen Danz, The Dig of No Body (soil sample), 2011/2018

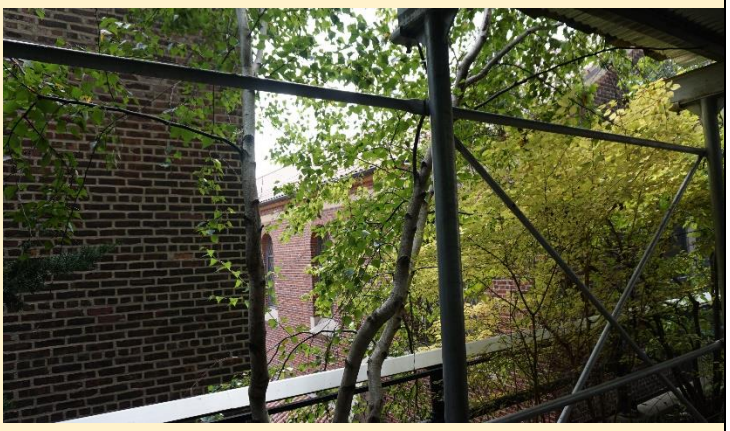
Dedicated to expanding the role of contemporary art in public spaces, the High Line has installed a number of pieces in unexpected places.

Agora is an exhibition on display from April 2018 – March 2019 featuring a group of artists. 'The exhibition looks at the power of art to change society, the role of art in public space, and whether art can be a form of protest. Artists working in public often take a political tone, mobilizing the public for social and political change, and for the possibility of realizing an alternate future. On the High Line - a public space and a natural platform - nine artists share their experiences inhabiting, speaking out of, and challenging the assumed boundaries of public space, where different voices can be heard, addressing important topics such as women's rights, mass incarceration, the environment, and immigration.'
https://www.thehighline.org/art/projects/agora/

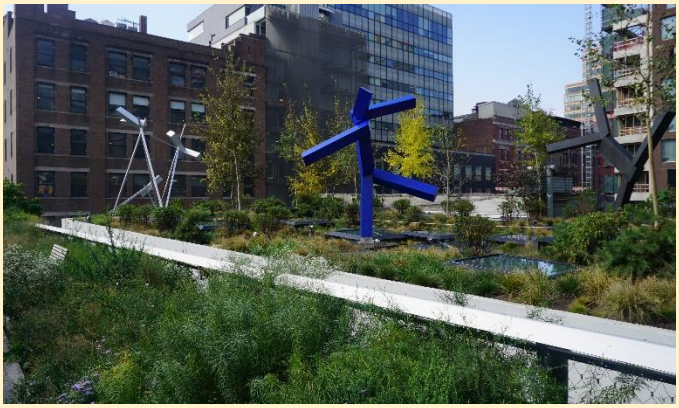


The view heading south. Duane Linklater's 'pêyakotênaw' is on the left; Duane is a Cree artist from Moose Factory, ON

Dorothy Iannone, 2018 - I Lift My Lamp Beside the Golden Door



Trees growing in troughs



A View from the High Line - Kasmin Sculpture Garden, Joel Shapiro, Sculptor

Note the influence that the High Line gardens have had on neighbouring sites.

Gardens include swaths of grasses, pollinator perennials, and trees. Troughs on both sides and lower than the path house the trees.

Typical Oudolf plantings

Plenty of places to rest amongst the grass

No visit to the Big Apple is complete without walking the High Line.

Master Gardeners Out & About:
Projects & Events

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Even on Thanksgiving Sunday, Garden Advice is available!
Details: Ottawa-Carleton members Shelley Wagner and Heather Clemenson answer gardening questions at Riverside South Farmer's Market on October 7th. Note the easy and effective paper weights!

Shelley Wagner, left & Heather Clemenson, right

Brantford Master Gardeners

Name: Speaker Michael Albanese
Details: On October 4, 2018, Brantford Master Gardeners were pleased to invite Michael Albanese to speak about raingardens. Michael is a landscape drainage specialist helping the community with storm water management and shows people how to create rain gardens. It was a very informative and interesting event.

Northumberland County Master Gardeners

Name: Port Hope Fair
Details: From September 14 – 16 Northumberland Master Gardeners held an advice clinic at the fair and gave away

Northumberland County Cont'd

bags of tulips to aspiring and experienced gardeners alike.

MG Barb Jones gives Tulip bulbs to two aspiring gardeners

Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

Name: Children's Garden Award
Details: On Saturday, October 6th we celebrated all of the children who participated in our first annual Children's Garden Award. The children brought their families and friends and with the help of the wonderful staff at the Picton Library and the local press reporters, we presented the awards.

Picton Library

Prince Edward County Cont'd

Back row: Steve Storms, Cathy Pogue, Susan Warrack, Ren Duinker, Alex Stenning, Kim Beaugrand, Marianne Malachowski, Virginia Mitchell, Alice Lumley.
Front Row: Joyce Young, Maxine Thompson, Marinda de Villiers - third place, Kaden Koutroulides - first place, Barbra Stock, Evan Graham – second place.

This was truly a group effort bringing together the community, the libraries, local businesses, the local press and many local groups. Two friends of the PECMGs designed and built the trophy and Joyce Young, our most senior MG, presented the awards and really enjoyed her day with the children.

Joyce Young

We were most impressed with the gardens created by these amazing kids. It demonstrated to all of us that, although we are a very small MG group, we can put on a great event that shows our community what Master Gardeners are all about and gets our message out to all the people of The County.

We have submitted this project to the 2019 International Master Gardeners Search for Excellence; we'll wait and see what happens.

We were also asked to submit an article about it to the Ontario Horticultural Society's Trillium newsletter.

...and we all had a lot of fun!

Durham Region Master Gardeners

Name: Durham Master Gardeners Open House
Details: On September 27, 2018 a successful open house, "Durham Master Gardeners – Learn How to be One" – was held at King Street Community Church. Almost 100 people attended the event.

Robynne Dunn & Gini Sage on registration

It featured Lorraine Johnson speaking on "Tending the Earth - How Our Gardens Can Change the World".

Lorraine's presentation was informative, and the audience was engaged with her practical suggestions to incorporate native plants into our home and community gardens for the benefit of the environment and society.

Great food and door prizes were provided, and native plants were sold. Lorraine sold and autographed her books including the revised third edition of her famous *100 Easy to Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens*.

On the special night two new Honorary Master Gardeners were presented with certificates. Sofie Bigham was recognized by Durham Master Gardeners for her significant gardening support to the people and organizations of Durham Region. Lorraine Johnson was

Durham Region Cont'd

nominated for Honorary Master Gardener by Halton Master Gardeners for her passion for gardening and inspiring work promoting native plants in Ontario gardens.

Lorraine Johnson, left & Claudette Sims, President MGOI and member of Halton MGs

From left to right - Ingrid Janssen & Tracey Smyth, co-coordinators Durham MGs, Katherine Mathewson, Regional Director Central Region, Sofie Bigham, Honorary Master Gardener, & Claudette Sims, President MGOI

Sherry Dodson – Refreshments

Durham Master Gardeners encourage other groups to think about people in their community whom they could recognize in a similar manner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brantford Master Gardeners

Name: BMG Movie Night
Date: November 1, 2018
Details: Brantford Master Gardeners are cordially inviting local Horticultural Societies and the general public to come out to our movie night. The highly acclaimed documentary "Call of the Forest – The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees" will be featured. Popcorn and refreshments will be served.
All are welcome!

Master Gardener of Ottawa-Carleton s

Name: Master Gardener Fall Lectures with Friends of the Farm
Details: *History of English Country House Gardens.*
Tuesday November 6 @ 7 p.m.
Heather Clemenson
at Building 72 in the Arboretum at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Name: Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series – Garden Pests and Pathogens
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018
Details: Hosted at the Centre for Urban Ecology, Humber Arboretum, workshops will take place on Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 23 and Apr. 13, 2019. Stay tuned.
To register please visit: humberarb.eventbrite.ca

London – Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: 2019 Garden Tour of England with the Garden Club of London
Date: June 15-28, 2019
Details: The tour covers many prestigious and beautiful gardens. In June we expect to find roses, flowering shrubs, delphiniums, foxgloves, geraniums, irises, penstemons, clematis and more.

If interested, contact Ruth Adams of Vision Travel, 529 Richmond St., London ON N6A 3E8.
226-927-4061 (Direct Line) or 1-800-465-4437 Ext. 281 (Toll free) E-mail: ruth.adams@visiontravel.ca

Please contact Linda Armstrong, London-Middlesex Master Gardeners for an itinerary.
lrarmstrong@sympatico.ca

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/events.html&cart_id=2154123.16186.

They also offer free on-line seminars at: https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events2016.html.

The 2018 Richters catalogue, filled with culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs and seeds, is available.