



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

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Welcome to the July 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 and activities, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. And pictures – please feel free to submit pictures!

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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Etobicoke

Milestones

Peterborough Master Gardeners

15 Year Anniversary

Sally Rye

10 Year Anniversary

Sylvia Green

Suzanne Seryck

MG Joan Harding presented Sally with her 15 year pin and Sylvia with her 10 year badge at our May 2019 meeting. Suzanne received her 10 year badge at our April meeting.



Muskoka Master Gardeners

15 Year Anniversary

Sandra Hartill

Shirley Neil

Rosemarie Meyer



MGs Sandra Hartill, Shirley Neil and Rosemarie Meyer received 15 year pins In July



Durham Master Gardeners

Honorary Master Gardener

Judi Denny

Durham MGs presented Judi, from Clarington, ON with an Honorary Master Gardener certificate at the 15th Annual Oshawa Peony Festival this June. Judi has been the driving force behind the Festival since its inception, as she and her late husband Michael collected and donated hundreds of peonies that form The Michael and Judi Denny Peony Collection located at the Oshawa Botanical Gardens. The Festival draws visitors from across Canada. In March 2019 Condé Nast Traveller listed the Oshawa Peony Festival as one of its 9 must-see flower and garden shows in the world!

Judi and Michael were founding members of the Canadian Peony Society in 1998. Judi continues to be a member today, and of the American Peony Society. She is a lifetime member of the Brooklin Horticultural Society and a certified Ontario Horticultural Association judge. A regular speaker at other garden clubs, horticultural societies and community groups on her favourite flower, Judi is well-respected throughout Durham Region.



Co-coordinator Ingrid Janssen, left presented Judi with an Honorary Master Gardener certificate

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Judy Rivers

Judy achieved her MG status in June. Judy is co-chair for the DMG Program Committee. She worked on her MG learning while at the same time getting her horticultural therapist certificate, helping with Whitby in Blooms, Whitby Sustainability and volunteering at WindReach farms. Congratulations Judy!



Stratford Master Gardeners

Retirement

Janice Maciver

Emerita Status

Dorothy Elliott

Anna Peterson

Three members of Stratford were honoured at the June meeting. Janice Maciver, who had been the treasurer for the past 15 years, retired after 20 years of service.

As well, Dorothy Elliott and Anna Peterson, who are the longest serving members since the branch was chartered in 1986, were awarded emerita status.



Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

2019 Golden Trowel Award

Ralph Bullough

Through the years MG Ralph Bullough has been a mentor to many Master Gardeners and Master Gardeners in Training. There are so many who appreciate and value the support and assistance he has provided. With this in mind we congratulate and thank Ralph as we honour him with this year's Golden Trowel Award.

The Master Gardeners program was initiated in Thunder Bay in 1990 and Ralph was one of the first fourteen MGITs who committed to the two-year training program. Since then Ralph has been at the helm helping it grow through the years.

He did not stop at Thunder Bay but served on the board of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. (MGOI) in the capacity of Northwestern Regional Representative, and President and Past President of MGOI. He served MGOI continuously for well over fifteen years and was the President for two terms.

He has been an MG for 29 years always readily sharing his vast knowledge with provincial, regional and local gardeners as well as future MGs. We are proud to present Ralph with this award.

So well deserved!



MG Ralph Bullough with his Golden Trowel Award





Revision of the University of Guelph Master Gardener Courses

Many of you have become aware that the courses required for Master Gardener certification offered by the University of Guelph have been revised. The University launched the new program for the September term. We on the Education Committee knew the changes were going to be made and were included in the discussions, most importantly on how the changes would affect our Master Gardeners in Training (MGiTs). I would like to note here that there are no changes expected for MGiTs who are taking the Dalhousie courses or studying for the Certification Examination.

The transition from the old courses to the new ones will not be difficult, as every effort has been made to accommodate current students. MGiTs will not be expected to take more than the three courses originally needed for certification.

The new courses that are now required for Master Gardener certification are Plant Identification, Soils and Plant Growth, and Integrated Pest Management. The old courses were Introduction to Plant Identification, Growing Plants, and Cultural Practices for Plants.

The transition from the old to the new will be as follows:

| If you have not completed the following: | You will need to register for: |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Introduction to Plant Identification | Plant Identification |
| Growing Plants | Soils and Plant Growth |
| Cultural Practices for Plants | Integrated Pest Management |

For a short time, students may end up with a “mix” of courses, but they will still only be required to take three in all, as has always been the case with the Guelph program.

If any MGiT is not sure what replacement course they should be taking, they may contact info@mgoi.ca. Also, any MGiT who asked for and was given advice in the 2 weeks between the new courses first being offered and the official announcement can follow the advice given.

June Streadwick, Director of Education



The President's Corner

Claudette Sims, President MGOI

Update on Policy Endorsing Gardening Businesses and Services

"I'm often asked to recommend an arborist or other service in my community. How can I answer such questions while remaining unbiased?"

Many Master Gardeners have valuable personal knowledge about products and services in their community that would be helpful for home gardeners. When sharing such information with the gardening public, follow these guidelines:

- Feel free to share anecdotal information of your personal gardening experience and practices – including businesses, services and products (all by name) that you have had successful (or unsuccessful) experiences with.
- Know the names and locations of related businesses in your community. Strive to include 2-3 (or more) similar businesses including services that your fellow MGs have used and trust.
- Recommend they check the [Landscape Ontario](#) website for lists of insured businesses and services – the website covers all areas of the industry and all areas of the province.
- Make sure that you declare any conflicts of interest, such as personal or family connections to any business you name.
- When asked for recommendations about where to purchase native or more unusual plants, MGs are welcome to reference this map of [Nurseries in Ontario](#) which was developed for this purpose.
- While volunteering as a MG, a member should NOT solicit work for which s/he will be paid and should not solicit business for his/her place of employment.

Revised policy regarding Endorsements and Conflict of Interest was sent to all groups in May 2019 and can be found in our Handbook (Section 4, page 6).

Master Gardeners of Ontario Facebook

If you haven't visited our [MGOI Facebook](#) page in a while, you should! It has recently exploded with new members (we now have over 3,000) and we have a dynamic community answering gardening questions. Some are Master Gardeners; others are members of the gardening public – both 'newbies' and experienced knowledgeable gardeners.

There's so much to learn just by reading the posts. We have so many questions each day that we've added one more admin volunteer to help us out. Welcome to Janet Mackey of Halton Master Gardeners who has stepped up to support Anne Bossart (Georgian Bay), Sean James (Guelph & Wellington), Cathy Kavassalis and myself (Halton).

All Master Gardeners can support the team by posting comments that reflect our commitment to sustainable gardening practices and chiming in when you see something that is concerning – such as a homemade nicotine-based pesticide which was recently recommended! Not only are we not supposed to recommend homemade pesticides, this particular "natural" remedy is toxic to fish, pets and humans!

Together we can use social media to effect meaningful and positive change in gardening practices!



Coordinators' Conference 2019

Location & Date

The Coordinators' Conference will take place on Saturday, October 5th at the brand new Landscape Ontario facility in Milton. We hold our Annual General Meeting first thing in the morning and then spend the rest of day workshopping and sharing.

What is it about?

The Coordinators' Conference is all about sustaining our Master Gardener organization. The program is designed with input from MG groups and strives to help your members to be effective and vibrant additions to their communities. Groups have really valued the opportunity to meet together with their Regional Directors and support each other. Best of all, MGs can meet and network with other MG groups all across the province.

Who can attend?

Up to three (3) members of your group can attend – usually the coordinator and two additional experienced or even new members are welcome!

The conference is a wonderful opportunity for an incoming coordinator to learn from the best. Consider inviting a member who might be interested in taking on or sharing a position on a committee or with the Board of Directors. On our retention survey, 57 members replied they'd be willing to share a position with an experienced member or help with a project or committee. The survey was anonymous so we don't know who these people are – if you were one of them, we'd love to meet you in person – tell your coordinator if you would like to attend the conference.

What are the benefits?

Members gain insight into the provincial organization, share management ideas, meet other MGs and just have fun! Breakfast and a delicious lunch are supplied, and it is free to attend. Plus there are usually a number of prizes given out during the day. We realize the distance is a challenge for some groups but do hope to see all groups represented.

What's on the program this year?

The results of the member retention survey will be available, with ideas and feedback for groups. Watch for more details about this year's program on our website under the Coordinators' Conference tab.

Here are the top 3 items participants from last year's conference wanted to learn more about:

- how to use Facebook and Instagram more effectively
- strategies to retain new members
- sharing of ready-made PowerPoint presentations for the gardening public

If you'd like to present on one of these topics or have information to share, please contact Claudette Sims or Pam Love.

Claudette Sims, President MGOI



Master Gardeners Out & About: *Projects & Events*

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: A Guided Tour on The Wild Side

Details: Fletcher Wildlife Garden, part of the Central Experimental Farm near downtown Ottawa, is a space dedicated to native Eastern Ontario plants that grow in a naturalized setting. Walk the trails there and you'll discover a woodland garden, an amphibian pond, a butterfly meadow, open fields, a mature woodlot and a model backyard garden designed to inspire gardeners more interested in 'wildscaping' than 'landscaping'.



Pond at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden

On any hot summer's day, the wild spaces are teeming with life: birds, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians and a diversity of insects. This year, on Sunday June 23rd, Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton (MGOC) organized a guided tour there to learn more about native plants.

Volunteer tour guide Sandy Garland was a knowledgeable and experienced native plant expert and was able to identify and describe Eastern Ontario native shrubs, trees and plants that grow on the property, as well as some invasive ones. Hopefully MGs within MGOC will be able to partner with Fletcher volunteers someday on a few projects.

Ottawa MGs also visited four members' gardens that day. Each demonstrated, in different ways, the talents and passions of the gardener. MG Susan Bicket walked MGs through her rambling country garden. Then we headed for the home of Rob Stuart, an MG whose garden has many unusual woodland and rock garden plants.

MG Rebecca Last has a compact, dense front and back garden full of edibles and non-edibles. At the back of the property, she designed a waterfall, stream and pond. The small garden packs a lot of punch with so many plants.

New Master Gardener in Training (MGIT) Penka Matanska is an orchid expert. She showed us her front and back gardens, expertly pruned, beautifully landscaped and bursting with fragrant blooms.

Thanks as well to MG Gayle Singer who organized this successful day, including lunch at a downtown restaurant overlooking the Rideau Canal.

Every garden has its own spirit and distinct character, like the gardener who cares for it. MGOC is very grateful to those who shared their gardens and their skills.



Northumberland County Master Gardeners

Name: Northumberland Master Gardener Annual Bus Trip

Details: On June 19th & 20th a bus load of 38 Master Gardeners and friends travelled to Niagara Falls Botanical Gardens, Palantine Roses, two private gardens in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Whistling Gardens, Northland Nurseries and finally dinner at The Mandarin on our way home. The bus was stuffed with plants and travellers were stuffed with new garden knowledge. A wonderful trip!



Peterborough Master Gardeners

Name: Events around Town

Details: Peterborough Master Gardeners have been busy donating their time and expertise at many events. We were at the Peterborough Gilmour Street Sale on May 25th and held an advice clinic at the Downtown Wednesday Markets throughout May and June. Thanks to Sally Rye and Gladys Fowler who led those events.

Details: Suzanne Seryck coordinates our group at Peterborough's Ecology Park on Thursdays answering questions to those who visit.

Name: Pollinator Garden at the new McNamara Park



Details: Rachel Burrows and her group worked with the city of Peterborough, the Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority to plan and plant a Pollinator Garden at the new McNamara Park. And it is looking great!



MG Joan Harding, left & Rachel Burrows, right



L to R, MGs Rachel Burrows, Joan Harding, and Deb Gordon

Name: Plant Sale

Details: We had a very profitable Plant Sale on June 15th thanks to Dianne and Gary Westlake and their wonderful group of volunteers.



Brantford Master Gardeners

Name: Glenhyrst
Gallery Family Day

Details: MGITs Erinn Burbridge, Christine Druchok, and Sarah Balazs participated at Glenhyrst Gallery Family Day on May 26th in Brantford.

They demonstrated how to plant flowers and herbs.



From L to R, Erinn Burbridge, Christine Druchok, & Sarah Balazs

Name: MGOI Summer Workshop

Details: Brantford MGs Liz Stacey and Lynne Goulet-Smith attended the MGOI Summer Workshop held on July 13th and 14th at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. They studied 'Plant Adaptations – Tricky Traits & Formidable Features' and 'Scoundrels and Scourges – Profiles of Ontario's Pesky Plants'. Both workshops included classroom and field studies.



Muskoka Master Gardeners

Name: MGOI Summer Workshop

Details: Two members of our group attended the MGOI Summer Workshop on July 13th and 14th and had a most enjoyable time. Here is a picture of us there.



Sandra Hartill, left & Shirley Neil



Durham Master Gardeners

Name: Oshawa Peony Festival – 15 Year Participant

Details: This is the 15th year that Durham MGs have supported the peony festival by holding an advice clinic in the Peony Collection area at the Oshawa Botanical Garden. We take turns in shifts over the two day event that sees hundreds of people come from all over Canada.

This year a special recognition of our contribution was made by the City of Oshawa to our group by Mayor Dan Carter. The peony festival is definitely worth the trip to Oshawa, where our city motto is "Prepare to be Amazed".



You won't be disappointed. See you next year!



Peony Garden in Full Bloom



Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Look, Listen & Learn Workshop / Annual Plant Sale 2019

Details: On June 15th, while MGs managed a very busy plant sale, others presented the following topics that were well received by those attending the workshop:

- MG Gordon Ward shared his ideas on how to successfully grow grapes and kiwis in our Zone 3 climate.
- MG Lynne Thornburg presented the basics of soil management as a continual process so eventually you can let your dirt do most of the work itself.
- MG Linda Sharp shared how she successfully composts and utilizes the compost in her garden.
- MG Louise Nadeau shared how to choose the best and most productive vegetables to grow in pots on your patio to have a bountiful harvest by the end of the growing season.
- MG Lynda Bobinski presented on mapping your garden environment to identify areas that are sunny, shady, too wet, too dry and then choosing appropriate plants that will make the difference between thriving, surviving, or loss.

We thank our small group of MGs for helping make this a successful event in conjunction with the start of National "Garden Days".



Back: MGs Aili Dampier, Sylvia Goodheart, Linda Sharp, Lynda Bobinski, Carole Mccollum, Lynne Thornburg, Linda Rintamaki, Holly Rupert
Front: Lynda Lahteenmaa

Name: Cultivating Plants, People and Community

Details: Throughout the year, but especially as the weather turns warmer Thunder Bay & District MGs can be found in long-term care, hospital, school or community gardens. As MG Lynda Lahteenmaa wrote in a recent newspaper article, our goal is to advance the horticultural knowledge of the home gardener through advice clinics, educational sessions and workshops for youth and adults.

Under Lynda's direction at Hogarth Riverview Manor in Thunder Bay, and MG Aili Dampier's at the Nipigon District Memorial Hospital (NDMH) Long-term Care Residence in Nipigon, horticultural therapy activities are provided. This innovative program offers activities utilizing gardening and plants to improve the quality of life of others, including the elderly and those living with dementia.

Recently Lynda led a group of MGs, residents, volunteers and staff in partnership with Lowes to redesign and restore the gardens at Hogarth Riverview Manor. The efforts of this group created a therapeutic garden design featuring plants popular when residents were younger as well as a native garden with plantings of tobacco, sage, cedar and sweet grass.



From L to R, MGs Linda Sharp, Aili Dampier, Sylvia Goodheart and Lynda Lahteenmaa at Hogarth Riverview Manor



Name: Depave Paradise Project at Claude E. Garton Public School

Details: Over the past year Thunder Bay MGs have been working with Ecosuperior and other partners to participate in Thunder Bay's first ever Depave Paradise project. Inspired by an Oregon-based organization called **Depave**, Canada's own **Depave Paradise** movement is in full bloom with volunteers set to complete over 30 projects between now and 2021, turning old infrastructure into new gardens.

We recognize MG Louise Nadeau who has put in many hours working on the planning committee with Ecosuperior to depave an underutilized area of asphalt at Claude E. Garton Public School.

From initial planning to hand removal of pavement, amending the soil, laying out the design as well as choosing and planting plants the rain garden is now in place!



MG Louise Nadeau, left & MGIT Maggie Landry

It is great to see that plants are in the ground under Louise's guidance and with the help from MG Lynne Thornburg and MGIT Maggie Landry.

The rain garden looks so good but will look even better very soon – all the perennials and shrubs are native plants...including two varieties of milkweed.

They are all showy, blooming plants that will certainly enhance the school grounds as well as provide educational opportunities for the students!



MG Lynne Thornburg, left & MGIT Maggie Landry



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Name: Wildscaping in Kingston Ontario

Dates: August 12th & September 7th, 2019

Details: The Project: Rideau 1000 Islands MGs are spearheading a community wildscaping project in the Kingston region this summer and fall, working with community partners and homeowners to turn front lawns into ecological 'wildscapes' mimicking natural ecosystems as a way to regenerate the health of the spaces where we live and work. Each yard will be an individual project, suited to the site conditions and working toward a specific theme and goals. Regenerative gardening criteria will be employed on all the sites and the SOUL Organic Land Care Standard will be the overall guideline.

The Workshops:

To set the stage for the project, Regeneration Canada will be hosting a gardening workshop on **Monday, August 12th** to prepare stakeholders and engage the public in the techniques of climate and ecosystem restoration and the possibilities of regenerative and rewilded gardens and landscapes.

A follow-up workshop on the naturalistic approach to planting design will be held **Saturday, September 7th** with special guest speaker [Tony Spencer, The New Perennialist](#). Full details can be found here: https://organiclandcare.ca/Land_Care_Events/

NEW:

The Wildscaping Workshop: Planting Design

Rideau 1000 Island Master Gardeners have just announced 3 new events which follow the [Regenerative Gardening Workshop August 12th](#):

#1

Wildscaping: An introduction to Ecological Plant-driven Design

Discover the aesthetic and ecological principles driving the New Perennial movement in naturalistic planting design. Learn about the design practices and methods championed by famed garden designer and plantsman Piet Oudolf and his peers with an eye to broaden and transform your own approach to planting design, plant selection, installation

and maintenance in home-based or community projects.
Date: Saturday September 7th from 3:00pm – 4:30pm: <https://rideau1000islandsmastergardeners.com/>

#2

The Wildscaping Workshop: Planting Design

Join the New Perennialist Tony Spencer in a two-part morning workshop exploring the new fundamentals of naturalistic planting design. Tony will guide us through the design work of leading figures like Piet Oudolf, Roy Diblik, and Cassian Schmidt to show the evolution of plant-driven landscape design. The second part is all about applying these methods and practices to residential scale gardens with a hands-on workshop to help you grasp the basics with a local spin.

Date: Sunday September 8th from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Includes lunch! [Tickets and more info here](#)

#3

Interested in Wildscaping Your Front Yard?

Date: Saturday October 5th from 1:00pm – 3:00 pm: [Tickets and more info here](#)

Details: Wildscaping is a form of landscaping that mimics the way nature works, creating thriving plant communities based on natural relationships. Wildscapes invite the wild back into our lives, our yards, and our city. Wildscapes are as different as the gardeners who create them.

Be part of #rewildmylawn day on October 5th. We're looking for from 3 to 10 lawns for rewilding – swapping out a grass monoculture with wildscape alternatives such as:

- meadow
- woodland
- edible forest
- foodscape
- rainscape
- birdscape
- tapestry flowering lawn
- sedge lawn
- native wildscape

We are looking for a MAXIMUM of 10 people who:

- believe it's time to replace monoculture lawns with a rich tapestry of lawn alternatives that regenerate our soils, beautify our cities, and provide habitat for wildlife (helping mitigate our climate emergency)



- want to cultivate a deeper connection to place by learning more about gardening in partnership with the natural world
- are willing to purchase the plants for wildscaping their front yard
- are interested in their wildscaping story being part of an article or featured in blog posts

What we'll you help with:

- test your soil
- pair you with a mentor to help design your wildscape
- support you as a coach once it's planted
- supply a team to help plant your wildscape on #rewildmylawn day

Interested in learning more about a local wildscape? Check out this recent article on a [rewilded yard in Collins Bay](#).

Once you've indicated your interest, a Master Gardener will contact you to find out more about your lawn and your goals to see if it would be a good fit for #rewildmylawn day.

Learn more about wildscaping:

By changing the way you garden and manage your land, you can become part of a global regeneration movement that is drawing carbon out of the atmosphere, sequestering it in soil and regenerating ecosystem health.

- Learn about how soil is the foundation of wildscapes, increasing biodiversity and regenerating ecosystem health.
- Join Tony Spencer, creative force behind 'The New Perennialist', an award-winning blog exploring the frontiers of naturalistic garden design, for a talk on *Wildscaping: An introduction to naturalistic plant-driven design*.
- Follow up Tony's talk with the *The Wildscaping Workshop* for a deep dive into the fundamentals of naturalistic planting design as well as hands on experience creating a design for a residential sized landscape.

Mississauga Master Gardeners



Name: Canadian National Exhibition

Details: Summer fun soon begins at the CNE. When you are making plans ahead try to fit in some time at the CNE which runs from Aug. 16 to Sep. 2 this year. Your admission is free for volunteering that day.

Like last year we will have two places for MGs for each of three time slots: 10:00am-1:00pm; 1:00pm-4:00pm; and 4:00pm-7:00pm. To volunteer, contact Susan Quirk for your choice of shift: organicsince16@gmail.com

Good Gardening for now!

Shirley Daniels, MMG & Susan Quirk, MMG

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Friends of the Central Experimental Farm Lecture Series

Details: In 2019, Ottawa-Carleton MGs have partnered once again with Friends of the Central Experimental Farm to provide a popular local lecture series. The last remaining topic is:

From Pots and Small Plots - Come Edible Flowers and Herbs!

Date: Tuesday September 10, 2019

- With Master Gardener Nancy McDonald

Prince Edward County Master Gardeners



Technical Update: Wild About Herbs

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Location: Picton, ON, in The County



Cost: \$35 includes lunch

Details: Conrad Richter is the owner of Richter's Herbs in Goodwood, Ontario and a leading authority on herbs. His wife, Aku, is originally from Ghana and is passionate about the healing nature of herbs. They will be presenting you with two lively discussions. Conrad will speak on herbs you should know and Aku will tell you about some of the herbs she loves and how she uses them.

Registration Information: Tickets went on sale June 1st. We only have 70 tickets available so get your tickets early, from Eventbrite at <https://wild-about-herbs.eventbrite.ca>. Plan a weekend in The County!

Peterborough Master Gardeners

Name: Technical Update

Topic: Unique Flowering Bulbs

Date: Saturday, September 28th, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Location: Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St., Peterborough

Cost: \$35 (\$40 after September 1st)

Registration Information:

www.peterboroughmastergardeners.com

Peterborough MGs invite you to join us for a day of learning as Dugald Cameron, past owner of Garden Import shares his wit and wisdom about “Unique Flowering Bulbs”.

Also included – bulbs for sale, free draws, demonstrations, and a bulb quiz. Catered lunch and morning snacks included.



Dugald Cameron

London – Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: Technical Update: **The What, Why and Wonderful of Therapeutic Gardens**

Date: Sunday, October 20th, 2019, 8:30am – 3:30pm

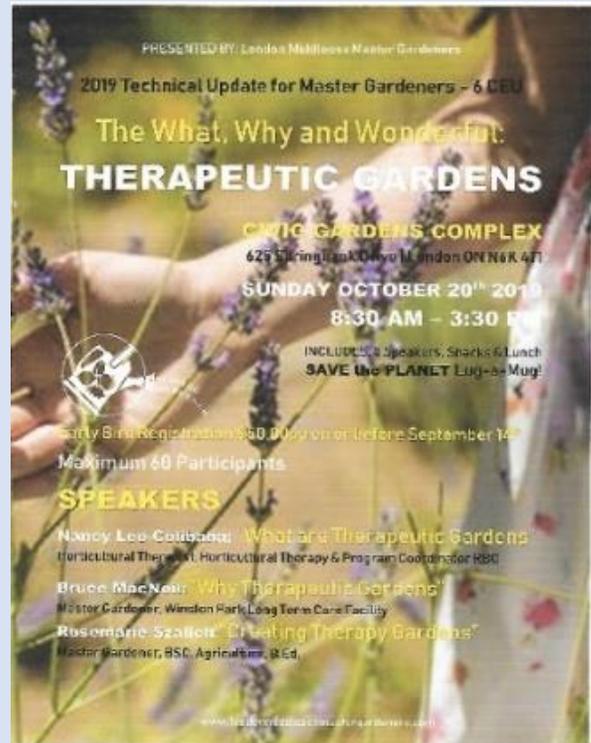
Place: Civic Gardens Complex, 625 Springbank Drive, London, ON N6K 4T1

Speakers: Nancy Lee-Colibaba, Royal Botanical Gardens; Bruce MacNeil, MG; Rosemarie Szalich, MG

Cost: \$60. Early Bird only \$50 - Register and pay before Sep. 15th!

Registration Information:

www.londonmastergardeners.com



Lanark County Master Gardeners

Technical Update: Ontario Native and Invasive Plants – Friends and Foes

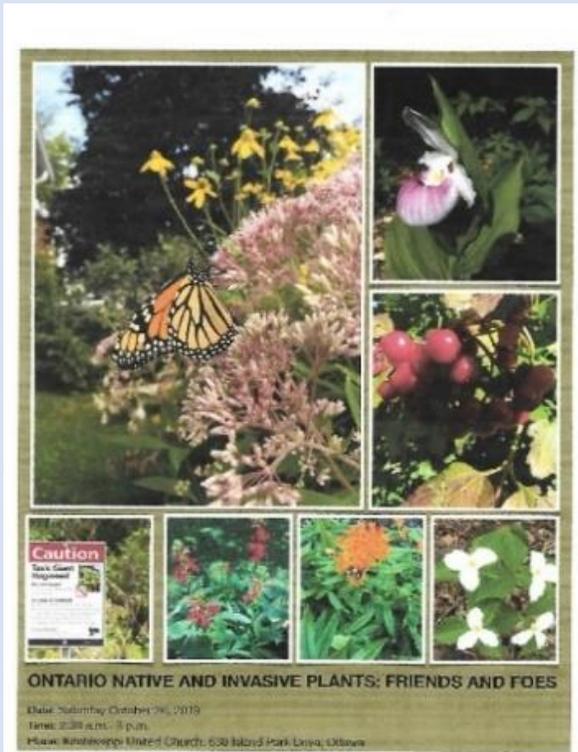
Date: Saturday October 26th, 2019, 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa

Cost: \$35 (includes Lunch)

Registration Information: www.lanarkmg.blogspot.com or www.mgottawa.ca

Save the Date!



Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc.

Name: MGOI Website

Details: If you would like your Master Gardener event posted on the MGOI website under the **News & Events** tab, please send details to our webmaster Jim Cook at webmaster@mgoi.ca. Images need to be in .jpeg or .png format.



Of Possible Interest to Master Gardeners

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.

They also offer free on-line seminars at:

https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events_2016.html.

The 2019 Richters catalogue, filled with culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs and seeds, is available to download or to order for free on their web-site: <https://www.richters.com/>



Special Summer Feature – the Gardens of Ontario Master Gardeners

Calling all MGs and MGITs

We would like to feature a photo of YOUR garden in the August issue. Please send a photo to newsletter@mgoi.ca. Include your name, group and a caption or paragraph telling us what we are seeing!

Elizabeth Stewart, Toronto Master Gardeners

Veggies and flowers - Kale and Cosmos - happy together in raised beds!



Lindsay-Dale Harris, Toronto Master Gardeners

The June border.



Pat Cappelli, Toronto Master Gardeners

A beautiful mix of red, pink and white flowers in my Toronto garden.



Isabel Belanger, Etobicoke Master Gardeners

We're seeing more Monarchs this year flitting about neighbourhood gardens. The petunias are from Calibrachoa seeds collected 5 years ago – a pollinator must have cross-pollinated them with an unknown petunia.



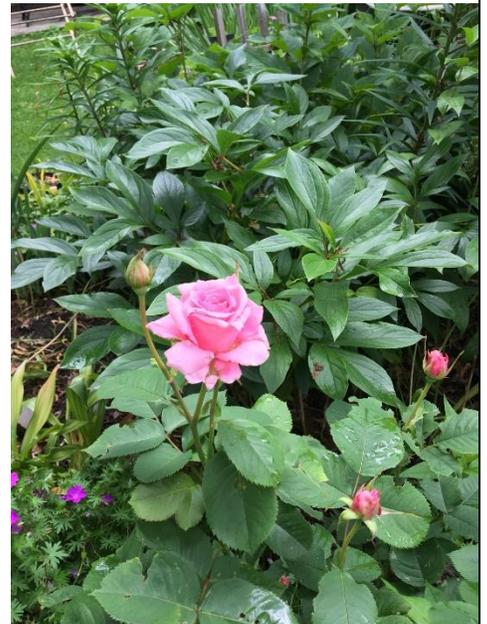
Leslie Ferguson, Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Nap time by the Rhubarb and reblooming Iris – Ransom the Black Lab is under cover (orange blanket on the left).



This annual Papaver has been sowing itself in our garden for over twenty years.

One of our daughters, when very young, called her Aunt Helen, Aunt Honey. This rose, named Aunt Honey, commemorates those days.



Garden gnomes!



And there goes the weekend!



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This is Blue Sapphire clematis which is a small clematis suitable for containers.



Agastache 'Blue Fortune' was planted specifically for the bees.



Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Ruby Slippers'



Hydrangea 'Tuff Stuff'

