



Master Gardeners of Ontario Newsletter

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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Halton

Welcome to the August edition of *Inside MGOI*, the Master Gardeners of Ontario, Inc. (MGOI) newsletter. Our goal is to be a voice for Master Gardeners, a venue for providing insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members. It also features updates from the 28 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario, including member milestones, group projects and activities, short member profiles, and upcoming events such as webinars/conferences/technical updates/plant sales/open gardens—essentially anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. Please feel free to submit pictures—they are most welcome!

We are looking for fresh ideas and inspiration for meaningful change for this newsletter. Contributions to the newsletter, and inspirational ideas may be sent at any time to:
 Isabel Belanger, Newsletter Editor, newsletter@mgoi.ca.

Milestones

1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Member Profiles: Three Recent MGITs

Tina Hodgson

Kim Sutherland Mills

Sophie Felleiter

Tina's garden-loving British dad first ignited her fascination with plants when she was shorter than the coneflowers. She has wanted to become a master gardener for many years and finally found the time after her recent retirement from work in the field of public health and research. She starts her final course at Dalhousie U this fall.



Kim, a retired librarian, comes from a long line of keen gardeners. Her front yard is a meadowscape with more than 50 native species. It was featured on TIMGs 2025 garden tour which showcased what homeowners are permitted to do under the City of Kingston's updated property standards bylaw. Kim has been involved in public outreach work advocating for native plants and pollinator gardens, alternatives to traditional lawns, and using urban gardens to support food security.



Sophie has been gardening for as long as she can remember and is passionate about growing flowers and vegetables, with a particular love for creating beautiful flower arrangements. As a MGIT, she's keen to continue learning and sharing her enthusiasm for horticulture with others. Sophie serves on the board of directors of the Kingston Horticultural Society, assisting with communications and supporting the Society's activities and initiatives.



Toronto Master Gardeners

New Master Gardeners in Training

Dianna H. English

Rebecca Nesdale-Tucker

Welcome! **Profiles**—by Sarah Mulholland



Dianna has been a lifelong nomad with ambitions for growing things. She is deeply excited to finally put down some roots in Scarborough, Ontario with her husband and rescue dog. She started gardening with her mom when she was a child, learned about permaculture as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania, and is

passionate about ecological and cultural diversity in gardening.



Board Vacancy—Vice President (VP)

MGOI is looking for 1 or 2 VPs to support the President.

Job Description

- *Supporting and working closely with the President*
- *Monitoring the progress of the organization's goals and objectives*
- *Reviewing information submitted in Annual Reviews and in the Annual Report to recognize achievements, share best practices, and identify potential areas of concern*
- *Assisting Directors in resolving areas of concern, potentially bringing them to the attention of the Board of Directors*
- *Working with the Director of Membership and others to fill vacant Board positions*
- *Assuming the duties of the President in her absence; succeeds the President*

Coming from a career in national security and policy research, she advocates for the use of evidence for responsible decision making. Playing in the dirt makes her heart very happy.

Rebecca was excited to join Toronto Master Gardeners - an organization that values community diversity and life-long learning.

She was introduced to ornamental and food-producing victory gardens by parents and grandparents, and has learned about native plants together with her children, benefitting from science and practice.



She has worked professionally in child health promotion and policy analysis. Rebecca volunteers as a pet therapy handler with her dog, as a lead steward with Toronto Nature Stewards and has an interest in therapeutic horticulture. She looks forward to promoting biodiversity through home gardens.



MGOI Needs Your Help!



MGOI is run for and by Master Gardeners. If you would like to contribute, in a big way, by joining the board in the future or in a smaller way by helping with a special project, please let us know. You can reach out to your group coordinator or directly to me at President@MGOI.ca. Thank you.

*Anne Craig (Peterborough & Area)
President, MGOI*

If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Anne Craig, President @:
President@MGOI.ca.

Newsletter Working Group-Update

Questionnaire: Thank you everyone who completed the survey re: improving the newsletter to make it more relevant. Results have been tabulated. Twenty! MGs volunteered to be part of a focus group (groups) to explore next steps for moving the process forward. Ideas are welcome at any time. Please contact Isabel Belanger, Editor at: newsletter@mgoi.ca. Thank you.
The Working Group Team
Mary-Lyn Hopper, Deirdre Walsh, Leslie Ferguson, Isabel Belanger

Coordinators Conference: This year's conference will be held October 3rd at the Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre. Two members from each group may attend. The deadline for registration is August 30th. Coordinators will have more details.



Resources

Invasive Plants—Article by Cathy Kavassalis

Link to the comprehensive article on invasive plants:

<https://haltonmastergardeners.com/2026/07/13/invasive-plants/>



Learn More & Do More

- CCIPR website: <https://ccipr.ca/>; CCIPR Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503444570040194>

CCIPR in the News

- Read 'Invasive plants are available across Canada. Is federal regulation possible?' posted on the CBC's website on August 20/26 at: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/invasive-plants-sale-federal-regulation-9.7312362>. Several quotes are by Halton MG Cathy Kavassalis, including: "Even if we don't prohibit them, we need to let the public know when there is potential harm," said CCIPR co-founder Cathy Kavassalis. "We do this on other products, and we should do it on plants too. It's just common sense."
- Cathy also did a live cross-country syndication interview with the CBC. Read about it here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503444570040194>

Subscribe to: The Spread, The Invasive Centre Newsletter: <https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/signup/> & the ONnurserycrops Blog <https://onnurserycrops.wordpress.com/>

Prior Newsletter Issues

Access prior issues of *Inside MGOI* anytime at mgoi.ca/newsletters.

The May newsletter included information about:
Worms

Earthworms—Two Native Species + Invasive Aliens

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=john%20warren%20earthworms>



Invasive Species Centre

Jumping Worms

<https://mgoi.ca/resources/>

Hammerhead Worms

<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/hammerhead-worm/>



<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/hammerhead-worms-in-gardens-ontario-1.7193039>

Oak Wilt Disease

Do Not Prune Oak Trees (*Quercus* spp.) from April 1st until December. Read more:



<https://onnurserycrops.wordpress.com/2024/04/02/reminder-no-pruning-oaks-from-now-until-november/#more-6673>; ontario.ca/page/oak-wilt; <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/plant-health/invasive-species/plant-diseases/oak-wilt/response-framework>

Spotted Lanternfly

♣ *Snap it*; ♣ *Catch/Kill it*; ♣ *Report it*



- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/spotted-lanternfly-prevention-practices-producers>

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Digital Toolkit: [digital toolkit](#)

Contact: **Maria Kubacki**, Manager / Gestionnaire
343-542-3856 / Maria.kubacki@inspection.gc.ca

Seeds Alert

Connect with the CFIA before sending seeds abroad.

Seeds can be invasive in some countries or spread plant diseases or other pests. The destination country may destroy the seeds and issue Canada a notice of non-compliance. The CFIA has spokespeople available for interviews, and experts are also willing to write and submit a piece. Contact: Media Relations, Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Government of Canada: cfia.media.acia@inspection.gc.ca; Tel: 613-773-6600

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Master Gardeners Out & About

Projects & Events

Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour

Details: This year was the 30th anniversary of the much-anticipated Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour. The Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners were thrilled to participate and answer gardening questions for the hundreds of guests that attended. MG Lynda Bobinski took the lead this year and did a wonderful job finding beautiful gardens in various sizes and styles.



MG Andrea Steinhäusser with her Garden Pick, Dwarf Alberta Spruce

At each garden MGs selected their favourite “pick” which can be a tree, shrub or perennial, and provided an information sheet. The MG Pick is highlighted with a sign and sparks lots of conversations with the public.

The gardens also hosted an artist or musician to the delight of the attendees.



This photo showcases an artist painting in a garden

The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club participated by showcasing their cars at each location—fun to see.



Art Gallery Staff greeted guests—vintage sportscar in the driveway

The weather cooperated and everyone had a great day sharing their love of plants.



(l to r) MGs Carole McCollum, Gordon Ward and Laura Jones

Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

Name: Gardening with Children Workshop

Details: PMGs held their 3rd workshop with GreenUP at Ecology Park on July 4th. The Gardening with Children workshop included 3 activities for children who arrived with parents and grandparents.

We started the workshop explaining the importance of plants and pollinators and showed the different parts of a plant.





Learning about the parts of a plant with MG Lea Brenna

We then got the children decorating a small clay pot, filling it with potting soil and planting a flower seed to grow.



Next, we showed the children how to make seed bombs using native seeds.

Our third activity had the children choose a native plant, planting it in the Ecology Park gardens along with their name on it so they can come and visit, helping families engage with the park.

Jennifer Guertin, Lois Scott, Sharleen Pratt, Lea Brenna, Marilyn Homewood and Marjorie Vendrig coordinated the workshop and helped the children with their projects.



Planting native plants at Ecology Park with MG Lois Scott

Name: Expanding Our Reach

Details: Last year, the PMGs piloted, on a limited basis, an advice clinic at our local Home Depot. Our initial endeavour was deemed successful so this year the effort was expanded to cover a period of time on each Saturday over six weeks commencing May 16th. Home Depot offers an opportunity to reach a gardening demographic that we do not have frequent contact with, “the casual or beginner gardener”.

Our group usually interacts with the public at Seedy Sundays, Horticultural Societies and speciality nurseries such as Peterborough’s own Ecology Park. These are all places where we find fairly informed gardeners. In these venues, the MGs act almost as consultants, increasing the depth and breadth of the gardeners' existing knowledge.

At the big box store, many folks are just embarking on their gardening journey and benefit both from our advice and from the literature we provide them. We hopefully have a chance to influence whether they remain a gardener or give it up due to lack of success. Questions often take us back to the basics but at the same time eventually move into more complicated concerns. At the same time, we are able to encourage people to join their local OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association) club and make use of the online Master Gardener resources. One other benefit is that we are often able to provide information to staff in the nursery that they can use when helping customers. We hopefully inspired a few gardeners and provided them with a foundation that they can build on, while at the same time promoting the MG brand and program. Joining us this year at the Home Depot Master Gardener table were Sally Rye, Gladys Fowler, Lois Scott, Mary-K Dunn, Brandi McNeely, Joan Harding, Rachel Burrows and Marilyn Homewood. A big thanks to all!



MGs Sally Rye & Gladys Fowler at our advice table at the Home Depot garden centre



London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: Donation to Growing Chefs

Details: London Middlesex Master Gardeners continue to strengthen the partnership and support for Growing Chefs, a registered children's food education, non-profit organization based in London, ON. The Growing Chefs 'Learn to Grow – Grow to Give' project combines food literacy and food security programming in innovative and efficient ways by growing and providing fresh, healthy foods for food insecure families while delivering equitable and accessible food education programming. At the Growing Chefs farm, one acre of land donated to them by WSIB (Workplace Safety and Insurance Board) in 2025, with only ¼ of that land in production, produced over 4,000 lb. of food, using organic practices. In 2026, they expanded this farm garden and with London Middlesex Master Gardeners' substantial monetary donation, Growing Chefs purchased perennial food crops of asparagus, strawberry and rhubarb plants.

It's an honour and privilege to support Growing Chefs financially and through ongoing mentorship, providing both educational opportunities and practical experience.



L-R, Andrew Fleet from Growing Chefs, Pat Girard, coordinator for London Middlesex Master Gardeners, Ilana Guslits (she/her), Garden Programs Coordinator Growing Chefs!

1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Name: Supporting a Naturalizing Homeowner

Details: TIMG members, especially those who assisted the City of Kingston in developing its updated property standards bylaw, are keeping in close touch with a family in the Napanee area who are facing a mandatory mow order

of their large lot on which they have spent considerable resources to responsibly naturalize. Municipal staff have advised that the property bylaw be reviewed before the next growing season but meanwhile have upheld the mow order for part of the lot at issue. The homeowners say they're prepared to take legal action. Stay tuned!

Lanark County Master Gardeners

Name: Tour of a Nut Grove

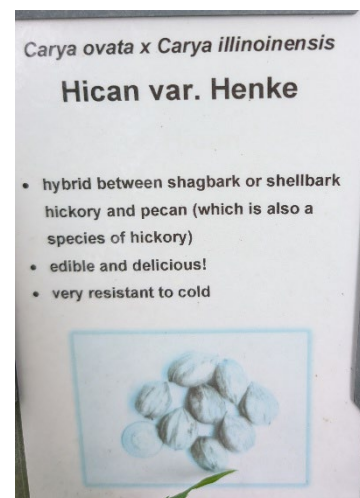
Details: This month our group travelled to the Baxter Conservation Area along the Rideau River to tour the Fillmore R. Nut Grove, a must see if you are ever in the area. Our tour was led by Almonte native Alan Goddard. While the 0.5 km walk to the nut grove had many interesting views and sounds (2 Ospreys chatting while one sat on the nest and the other fished), the nut grove itself was the highlight. Along the trail there were many interesting signs that described the flora and fauna along the trail.

Once in the nut grove, Alan augmented the informative signs with additional information about the trees. There were a few Butternut trees, some sadly with symptoms of Butternut Canker. It would be great to see them growing near their more common relative, the Black Walnut. Alan pointed out the prominent differences between the two, especially the Butternuts: smoother, stickier nuts.



Although rain and a nearby tornado were threatened, we only had to battle the mosquitos to see this interesting and informative site.

Another interesting tree was the Hican var. Henke, a hybrid between shagbark or shellbark hickory and pecan.



Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Second Annual Cut Flower Workshop

Details: MG Erin Casey held the second annual Cut Flower Workshop at her farm “The Garlic Shed” on Sunday July 26th, assisted by other Grand Erie Master Gardener volunteers.



Here she is pictured with some of the happy participants of the workshop (Erin is bottom left)

Erin held a second cut flower workshop for the Preston Horticultural Society two days later, assisted by Grand Erie Master Gardener volunteers. Here she is pictured putting the finishing touches on a demonstration bouquet.



Erin



Some of Erin's flower fields at "The Garlic Shed"

Name: Kids Paris Summer Camp

Details: On August 6th, Master Gardener Liz Hopkins represented the Grand Erie Master Gardeners at the Kids Paris Summer Camp, where they talked about growing food, read *Jack and the Beanstalk* and planted their own beans to take home.



Name: Donation—Stedman Community Hospice in Brantford

Details: The Grand Erie Master Gardeners donated 60 native plants (grown from seed by our members) to the Stedman Community Hospice in Brantford. These plants were used in the newly created Therapeutic Rain Garden, which transforms a persistently waterlogged area around the Hospice deck and gazebo into a thriving natural space. Master Gardener in Training Kailey Stewart is a Horticultural Therapy Intern at the Stedman Community Hospice.



Pictured are Master Gardeners Liz Hopkins and Alex Kucharew (left and middle), who helped with the installation of the garden on August 5th



Halton Master Gardeners

Name: Garden Journeys Open Days—A Garden Tour with a Difference!

by Allyn Walsh

Details: Garden Journeys Open Days was held over two weekends in August, the third time the event has been held. A program of Halton Region Master Gardeners and a recipient of funding from the City of Hamilton's City Enrichment Fund, this event showcased 59 gardens across Hamilton. The event was offered free to the public and without ticketing on August 8-9, and 14-16. While many gardens provided a "sidewalk showcase" for visitors to examine from the street at any time during the event, most gardeners also chose several days and times for their garden to be open for visitors to meet them and explore their journey to sustainable and eco-friendly gardening.

Key organizer HMG
Allyn Walsh in her
front garden



The public is increasingly aware of the importance of supporting biodiversity in their gardens and of treading more lightly on our earth—but it can seem overwhelming to get started. The gardens in this event show a range of gardens from "just getting started" to fully mature, illustrating that every journey begins with a single step.



Halton MGiT
Sydney Withers
in her garden



Halton MG Lynn Courtney



Halton MG Olga Marranca in front
of towering Joe Pye

A range of steps in the use of native plants, management of rainwater, and organic management of soil and pests were illustrated by the 59 gardens, and the host gardeners both teach and learn from the visitors during the interactive and free flowing discussions that result from visiting.

Halton Region Master Gardeners were very pleased to receive some funding from Hamilton's City Enrichment Fund, and we also held a fundraising plant sale which was very successful (see June *Inside MGOI*). But the goals of Garden Journeys Open Days do not include fund raising – it is completely free for the public. Rather the goals are three-fold: to connect gardeners who support biodiversity through native plants and sustainable gardening practices; to educate the public on how small, manageable steps can create eco-friendly gardens; and to redefine gardening by demonstrating that gardens can be both aesthetically pleasing and ecologically functional. We see this event as part of our outreach to educate the public. As one visitor commented: "I am learning so much by visiting these gardens! Now I know enough to get started!"

The first Garden Journeys Open Days event was held in 2023. With each subsequent event it has been possible to recruit more garden hosts. We would like to attribute this to our outreach efforts, but we think it also shows the increasing interest in sustainable gardening in our region. The journey has started!



Name: Summer Potluck Social

by Diane Best

Details: It was a beautiful August evening when Eve Bowder opened her garden for the Halton Master Gardeners' get together and potluck dinner. The event was planned by Jenn Dittrich.

The evening started with a scavenger hunt organized by Jenn and Eve that gave the 18 members who attended the opportunity to view Eve's gorgeous gardens as they searched for various items throughout the property.



MGiT Eve Bowder

We then sat down to a yummy dinner which included items such as lavender lemonade, potato salad, devilled eggs, charcuterie & veggies, spinach salad, lemon pound cake and chocolate zucchini loaf.



LtoR, MGs Hariette Henry, Janet Mackey, Kate Sault and MGiT Stephen Cross

After dinner some of our members enjoyed feeding the goats a snack before we took some photos and said our goodbyes.



MGiT Morag Johnston feeding the goats



Group Shot

Organizer Jenn Dittrich is in the back row, 3rd from the right

Thanks to Jenn for organizing this event and to Eve for opening up her home to the group!



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

July 22-Aug 22

Name: Bee Lab

Details: On August 15th, two experts from the University of Ottawa held a learning lab on bees, including an opportunity to catch specimens at The Alcove Garden that MGOC members established and maintain at Kitchissippi United Church.



PhD candidate Mimi Byrne's focus is on specialist bees. She has been visiting the Alcove every two weeks this summer to document the bee population that frequent evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), *Echinacea*, and *Campanula*. Her research goal is to help Ottawa gardeners know what to plant for specialist bees. "There are likely 100 native bee species in the Alcove", said Dr. Jessica Forrest, an evolutionary ecologist who has a particular focus on bees and their interactions with flowering plants.

The two experts spoke about the habits of native bees, answered questions, then helped members safely catch bees in vials. The insects were calmed in a cooler of ice, then identified by species and released back into the garden. The event was organized by MG Julianne Labreche.



PhD Candidate Mimi Byrne (white T-shirt) explains the habits of honey bees like the one held by Dr. Jessica Forrest as MG Julianne Labreche (yellow shirt) looks on. (Photo by Barbara Sibbald)



MG Rebecca Last captures a bee for identification (Photo by Barbara Sibbald)

Name: Trowel Talks

Details: Odette McIntyre presented "Allongez la saison" on August 22, at the Ottawa Public Library, Orléans branch; Nancy McDonald presented "Paint with Blooms" at the Orléans Public Library on August 24 and "Fall, Final Garden Fling" at the Cumberland Public Library on August 29. Rebecca Last spoke to the Greely Garden Club on "The dry run" September 9; Shelley Pelkey will present "Birds in the garden: recognizing, attracting and protecting them" to the Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society on September 15.

Name: Advice Clinics

Details: Advice clinics were held at the Almonte Farmers Market, July 25 and August 8; Carleton Place Farmers Market, August 1 and 15; Carp Garlic Festival, August 15; Manotick Farmers Market, August 8; Perth Farmers Market, July 25 and August 8; and Westboro Farmers Market, July 25.

Name: Garden Social

Details: Some 25 members of MGOC ventured to the outskirts of Carp, west of Ottawa for a summer social on July 23. Organised by Celia Schatzky and Sylvie Lapointe and hosted by Maryanne Ambroziak, it was a laughter filled opportunity to meet up socially, savour delicious food and enjoy a stroll through Maryanne's fantastic garden.



Group photo at the summer social. (Photo by Peter Ambroziak)



Essex-Windsor Master Gardeners

Name: Advice Clinics in July

Details: Essex-Windsor MGs held advice clinics at the Kingsville Horticultural Society's Vintage Garden Tour & Tea.



Pictured here are 40 year member, Alan Batke (left) and EWMG coordinator, Pat Jeflyn

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Name: 2026 Annual Fall Plant Sale

Date & Time: Saturday, September 19th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Place: 6 Kingsway Cres., Etobicoke

Details:

*Free Advice Clinic, native plants for native pollinators, house plants and more!

*Fall Sale Special! Residual stock will be sold at 50% off from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



Etobicoke Master Gardeners

2026 Annual Fall Plant Sale – Saturday, September 19, 2026
8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 6 Kingsway Crescent



Free Advice Clinic, native plants for native pollinators, house plants and more!



Fall Sale Special!

Residual stock will be sold at 50% off from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

www.etobickemastergardeners.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Niagara Master Gardeners



Details: Our largest fundraiser! See poster for details. Cash Only.

Advice clinic, native pollinator plants, house plants, and more.

Name: EMG Advice Clinic—Long Branch 8th Annual Tree Fest

Date & Time: Sunday, September 20th from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Place: Marie Curtis Park, 2 Forty Second St, Etobicoke, ON, M8W 3P2

Details: *Join us at the Long Branch Annual Tree Fest for an Etobicoke Master Gardener Advice Clinic

Name: The Wonder of Trees – A Guided Walking Tour with Todd Irvine

Date & Time: Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 - 1:45 PM



Place: Marie Curtis Park, 2 Forty Second St, Etobicoke
Details: Todd Irvine is a Certified Arborist and founder of CityForest.ca. Meet at the 'Ask the Arborist' booth next to the Etobicoke Master Gardeners' booth at 1 PM.
 *Event sponsored by the Etobicoke Master Gardeners



MG Suzanne Zacharczyk at a previous Long Branch Tree Fest

Name: Community Workshop—Making the Cut: Pruning

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26, 2026
 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Place: Located at the back of Humber Polytechnic North Campus in North Etobicoke, 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, ON, M9W 5L7

Details & Registration: *The event is free, but space is limited and registration is required:

<https://humber.ca/arboretum/learn/adult-programs/etobicoke-master-gardeners.html>

[Etobicoke Master Gardeners](https://humber.ca/arboretum/emg)

Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Next Workshop: September 20th

Location & Time: 115 Front Road, Port Rowan, 1-4pm

Stay Tuned: More upcoming events planned with more information to come!

Grand Erie Master Gardeners		
Upcoming EVENTS		
FREE	APRIL 19	BACK TO BASICS - AND BEYOND! IT'S SPRING! LET THE GARDENING BEGIN! WINDY CANADA (115 FRONT ROAD, PORT ROWAN) 1 PM - 4 PM
FREE	APRIL 23	GRAVEL GARDENING COUNTY OF BRANT PUBLIC LIBRARY - BURTON BRANCH (24 PARK AVE, BURTON) 6:30 PM - 8 PM
FREE	MAY 24	BACK TO BASICS - AND BEYOND! THE BEST LAMP GARDEN PLANT WINDY CANADA (115 FRONT ROAD, PORT ROWAN) 1 PM - 4 PM
FREE	JUNE 14	BACK TO BASICS - AND BEYOND! THE BEST LAMP GARDEN PLANT WINDY CANADA (115 FRONT ROAD, PORT ROWAN) 1 PM - 4 PM
FREE	JUNE 20	DEMO PLANT SALE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE (442 DUNDAS ST. WEST, BRANTFORD) 10 AM - 2 PM
FREE	JULY 26	DEMO CUT FLOWER WORKSHOP THE GARDEN HOUSE (1000 HWY 24 SOUTH, BRANTFORD) 1 PM - 3:30 PM
FREE	SEPTEMBER 20	BACK TO BASICS - AND BEYOND! BEE FARM BEARS - GARDENING THE BEEHIVE WINDY CANADA (115 FRONT ROAD, PORT ROWAN) 1 PM - 4 PM
FREE	OCTOBER 18	BACK TO BASICS - AND BEYOND! FOR THE LOVE OF FOOD: APPLE TO JAM WINDY CANADA (115 FRONT ROAD, PORT ROWAN) 1 PM - 4 PM

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum) Promotions

On now at the ROM, [BEES: A Story of Survival](#). Book tickets at rom.on.ca. Ends Oct 18th, 2026

À l'affiche: [LES ABEILLES : Une histoire de survie](#). Billets en vente sur rom.on.ca/fr.

Details:
 Toronto's ROM is presenting a stunning new immersive exhibition, [BEES: A Story of Survival](#), highlighting 120-million years of bee adaptation and survival.



Coupon—15% Off: The ROM is pleased to provide Master Gardeners with a **special coupon (see poster) to save on tickets for the exhibition**. We hope you'll share this with your community, friends, and family.

