

JOIN us at the Oshawa Garden Club

- ✓ MEETINGS. 9 interesting meetings per year with informative GUEST SPEAKERS.
- ✓ DISCOUNT of 10% is offered at a variety of local nurseries. (listed on your membership card)
- ✓ Current INFORMATION is available in the Greenleaf and on the website www.oshawagardenclub.ca. The Trillium and www.gardenontario.org keep us connected with the OHA and other garden clubs around Ontario.
- ✓ TREATS. Coffee, tea and cookies at every meeting...free! Lug-a-mug.
- ✓ DISPLAY TABLES are set up at the meetings. You can speak to a friendly-face at the Sign-in Table for any information, questions, or volunteer opportunities. Visit the Environmental table and the Plant table. See original floral designs at the Imagination Station and vote for your favourite. Better yet, enter a design of your own.
- ✓ WIN the 50-50 draw or the seasonal Gift Basket draw.
- CAMARADERIE at social events. Such as the Christmas Sweet and Savoury and the Strawberry Social.
- ✓ GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE. Garden clubs are for beginners and experts. You have an opportunity to meet a variety of interesting people from your community and ask questions and share answers. Consider becoming a Master Gardener.
- ✓ ANNUAL PLANT SALE. This is a great way to grow your garden. You can buy more mature plants that do well in your area and of course, at a great price! Members at the sale have the time and the knowledge to help you.
- ✓ COMPETITION. You have opportunities to enter plant design, photo and other competitions through D17 and the OHA.
- ✓ COMMUNITY. You are part of a Club that gives back to the Oshawa Community. We are partners with Community Clean-ups, Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, Hillsdale Estates Horticulture Therapy, Durham College Horticulture Technician Program Scholarship, Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, The Peony Festival, the City of Oshawa, and the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee. (our battery collection)
- ✓ VOLUNTEERING is the best way to meet other members. OGC has many volunteer opportunities, big and small...you choose. Volunteers since 1931 have made OGC strong.
- ✓ OUTINGS. Our event calendar promotes the many garden shows and garden tours in the Durham area.
- ✓ LINKS to connect you to all aspects of gardening on endless websites and blogs.
- ✓ GROW YOUR OWN FOOD.
- ✓ GARDEN THERAPY warms us at the winter meetings, as we think green leafy thoughts for next season.

As a member of the Oshawa Garden Club (OGC), you are also a member of District 17 (D17) and the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA/GardenOntario). You are entitled to vote at the OGC Annual General Meeting, as well as attend the D17 AGM and the OHA Convention and AGM.

The OHA is under the umbrella of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). The Minister is Jeff Leal (MPP Peterborough). The OGC Board files an annual return with OMAFRA to keep our legal status, as a non-profit organization in Ontario. This report includes a list of OGC Officers and Directors, an audited financial statement, membership numbers, the date of our annual general meeting and our volunteer hours. If it is all in order, we receive our annual grant of \$1500.00.