

These are the benefits of joining the Oshawa Garden Club



- 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.

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 and this includes a list of 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.

- A 10% discount is offered at a variety of local nurseries listed on your membership card
- Speakers along with 9 interesting meetings per year
- Greenleaf (OGC newsletter) and website www.oshawagardenclub.ca to keep you informed
- Trillium (OHA newsletter) and website www.gardenontario.org to keep you informed
- Coffee, tea and cookies at every meeting...free!
- 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 concerns. Environmental issues. Houseplants. Seed exchange. Imagination Station with opportunities to create themed floral designs.
- Gift basket draw and 50-50 tickets.
- Social events to meet new people or enjoy a night out with friends. Christmas Sweet and Savoury. Strawberry Social. Fall hike.
- 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 will get more mature plants that do well in your area and of course, at a great price! People working at the sale often have the time and the knowledge to help you.
- Nurture your creative inner artist with photography workshops. You have many opportunities to enter plant design, photo and other competitions through D17 and the OHA.
- You are part of a Club that gives back to the Oshawa Community. Community Clean-ups. Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre. Hillsdale Estates Horticulture Therapy. Durham College Horticulture Technician Program Scholarship. The Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens. The City of Oshawa (tree planting for example) and a partnership with the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (battery collection for example). Public Library Spring Seed Exchange
- Volunteers since 1931 have made OGC strong. You can build a skill set volunteering. Volunteering is the best way to meet other members. Volunteer opportunities can be big or small...you choose.
- Grow your own food
- Event calendar promoting the many garden shows and garden tours in the Durham area
- Endless websites and blogs and links to connect you to all aspects of gardening
- The winter meetings provide garden therapy to think green leafy thoughts

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