

GREENLEAF

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From Our President October 2019



Thanksgiving has come and gone and in looking back we do have a lot to be thankful for. Mother Nature has been good to us and rewarded our hard work with beautiful flowers and landscapes and given us pause to admire our combined work in creating this beauty. While it is sad to see that beauty fade, the fall and coming winter provide us with an opportunity to plan for a new season with more promises of beautiful things to come. This is the time to work on our skills and knowledge and to prepare for what Mother Nature may bring our way next season.

Robin has been busy lining up an exciting slate of presenters for the coming year that she will announce soon and it promises to be very informative and inspiring. Speaking of informative and inspiring, as well as entertaining, we have Paul Zammit on tap for the meeting on Monday. Paul will be sharing his vision of *Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardens in a Changing World*. Always entertaining and energetic, Paul is a great way to finish our program year. Consider bringing your friends and relatives to the meeting to hear what Paul has to say. We will be setting out extra chairs and invite guests \$5.00. The bonus is that they also have the option of using the \$5 as a down payment on becoming an OGC member, right through to the end of December 2020. Now that is a great deal.

Speaking of membership now is the time to renew your 2020 membership. The membership fee is still \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. For the coming year we have recruited additional Garden Centres, who also offer a 10% discount on regular priced plants. Your current membership card will be honoured until the end of December 2019. This discount could cover the cost of your membership! How neat is that. Don't forget that you can now renew your membership on-line at the following link.

<https://www.oshawagardenclub.ca/membership/registrationintro.html>

The Lviv Hall Elevator will be out of order over the next few months. If you require assistance to navigate the stairs at the main entrance, please let me know so that I can arrange for someone to meet you with assistance. Your safety is our concern and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Contact Merle at president@oshawagardenclub.ca .

Be sure to vote for your favourite photo for our 2020 Bookmark when you arrive at the meeting

Celebrate Oshawa's designation as a Bee City

I look forward to seeing you on Monday

Growing together, Merle

THREE CHEERS FOR GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS

HEARTH PLACE

The season is coming to an end and garden club volunteers started putting the Hearth Place Gardens to bed last week. They were able to get all the hostas cut back. Good job!

PARKWOOD ESTATE PLANT SALE

The sale raised just under \$2500.00! This money will help to buy plants to refurbish the tennis court gardens. Crowds of people, some from as far away as Markham, lined up early and the plants were all sold by mid-morning. Our volunteers have one more planting day scheduled for October 23 and as you see below, the garden bed is ready.



VOLUNTEER HOURS

November 11 is the deadline to submit your volunteer hours to Catherine. OMAFRA needs membership information and volunteer hours to calculate our annual grant. Count your hours and enter the number on our website or email your hours to cmhilge@hotmail.com

LUG-A-MUG

Thank you to Nadia for calling our Bakers each month and thank you to the Bakers for providing those delicious treats! Special thanks to Jen Merlin, who comes early and leaves late, just to make sure we all have hot tea and coffee at every meeting

KEN BROWN

www.gardening-enjoyed.com

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Ken responds: This week, a gardener told me her success story of keeping squirrels out of her Tomatoes. She heard that they were actually looking for the moisture, so she put some dishes of water in her garden with a bit of bird seed and that seemed to satisfy the creatures, as they then ignored her Tomatoes. I can't vouch for the idea personally but anything is worth a try.



OCTOBER MEETING



GREETER

Thank You Robin for your welcome tonight

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL TICKETS ON SALE \$20.00

Monday, December 2 at Lviv Hall

Susan Crace will have more information about the Dinner at the meeting tonight

WINTER BASKET TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Monika will have tickets. 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. Thank you to Jannie

FAUX FLOWER SHOW TABLE: JOIN IN!

Thank you members, we enjoyed 24 entries at the September meeting

This is the last chance to show flowers from your garden until May 2020

Find something in your October garden, and bring it in for other members to enjoy.

Greg and Debi

THE BIG - GIVE- AWAY AT THE PLANT TABLE TONIGHT

Tonight we are recycling and reusing gently used garden items donated by members

Clean out your shed and donate any items you may have

Come early and see if there are any items you can use?

Due to lack of storage space, please take your donations home if they are not picked up.

Faye and Sharon

PHOTO CRAWL

Members enjoyed the outing to McLaughlin Bay and the next outing is planned for October 19. Leave your email at the Volunteer Table if you would like to join the group

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO

Don't forget to VOTE for your favourite Bee-City photo tonight

VOLUNTEER TABLE

Sign-up sheets and information can be found here

TBG BOOK CLUB

The Global Forest by Diana Beresford-Kroeger

MEMBERSHIP

Single \$20.00 Couple \$30.00

Membership information is on the website

You can pay online, you can download the form and mail it with your payment enclosed or you can bring cash or cheque to the meeting and talk with a friendly face!

Make your cheque payable to the Oshawa Garden Club.

THE BOARD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB IN 2020

TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDEN TIP SHEET

The Director of Horticulture is Paul Zammit

Website

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

TBG Expansion

Edwards Gardens and Toronto Botanical Garden Master Plan

We are committed to growing from 4 to 35 acres and creating a globally acclaimed botanical garden. The City and the TBG are partners in creating this world-class institution.

500 active volunteers

TBG Garden Tours

A variety of tours are offered *free*, but donations are appreciated

Wales & Chelsea Garden Flower Show Travel Tour

May 19 – 31, 2020

With Marjorie Mason and Paul Zammit

Who wouldn't want to be there! Information is on the website

Through the Garden Gate

June 6 and 7, 2020. 11 am – 4 pm

This is your opportunity to snoop private gardens in various Toronto neighbourhoods. Next year: Wychwood in mid Toronto.

The Weston Family Library

Houses the largest private horticultural collection in Canada

Newsletter

Sign-up on the website and receive the latest botanical nerd word!

Example: ENTOMOPHILY: the transfer of pollen by insects.

Just try using that in casual conversation!

Membership

A single membership is \$45.00 or \$80 for 2-years. This gives you endless discounts, free parking and a subscription to their TRELIS magazine.

Sandra Pella TBG Head Gardener

She says plant your spring bulbs in cold soil, mix together a ratio of 2 tulip bulbs to 1 narcissus bulb to discourage squirrels, Tinka and Peppermint Stick are good species tulips that will come up every year, Parrot tulips are beautiful, but need to be replaced each year, bulbs can be planted under peonies and this will hide the dying foliage, do not cut or tie back foliage, as it needs to dry out and return to the soil.

Visit the TBG at 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

November 11, 2019

President Merle will introduce you to the 2020 Board

Treasurer Iris will run the numbers on the budget

Rick Causton, our District 17 Director, will be our guest and bring greetings from the OHA

The 2019 Annual Report will be available

Come early with cash and enjoy our Craft Show

Talented members will wow us with their inspired visions for displaying your winter greenery

If you haven't paid your 2020 membership, not to worry, our volunteers are always ready

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