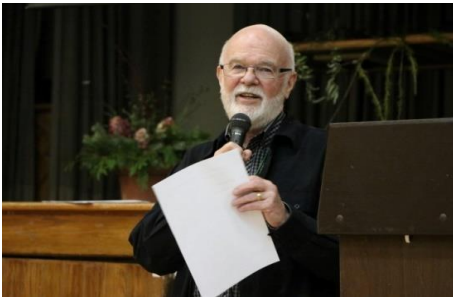


GREENLEAF

February 2020



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to February

Since this is a February in a leap year, we will have to wait an extra day until it is officially spring, but I think we can handle it. You should also know that your OGC Board of Directors has been making good use of that extra time to do some **planning** for the coming year. We want to make sure that the Oshawa Garden Club is continuing to meet your needs and interests, and to ensure that we are providing new events that keep the club up-to-date with future trends and topics.

Recently we spent a morning together discussing where our priorities should be focused in the coming months. To do that effectively, we quickly came to the realization that we need to know more about what you, our members, think and know. Even though our membership has been increasing there are indications that many of you would like to have more of your garden-related questions answered along with more hands-on, workshop-type experiences. To help that happen we will be trying out a few **new initiatives** to see if we are on the right track.

Your Board Members, *wearing Green Name Tags* will be looking for opportunities to hear your thoughts in the coming months. We will be organizing some **Q&A** stations during the pre-meeting time and organizing some informal chats on common garden topics. We are looking for members who might have expertise and experience that they would share with others. Our members come with a wide range of gardening knowledge and skills.

We will be looking into some form of **survey** to get more input for future programming. Our activities depend on volunteers and we depend on you, our members, to help with this process. Our biggest strength is all of you.

We also want members to feel welcome at our meetings and events. It is easy to get lost in a room with over 100 people. New members can be identified by a Sticker Name Tag, so keep an eye out and **make our new members feel welcome**.

So, over the coming months as we ramp up to gardening season once again, please watch for new activities that we are working on. Share your thoughts with us, as we are always open to new ideas that will keep our club current and our members engaged.

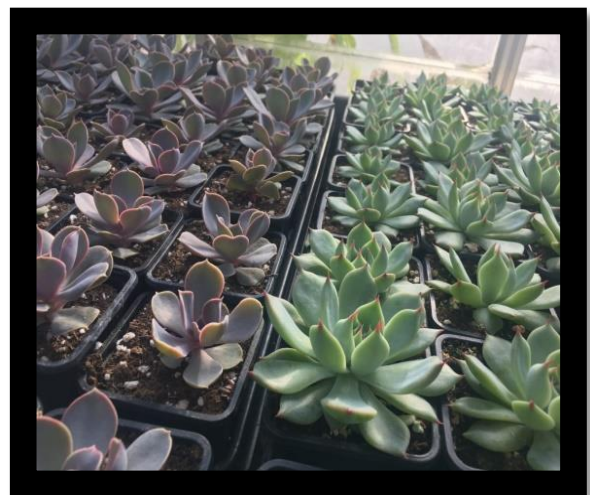
SHARE YOUR IDEAS WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

- Ask questions, share ideas at the Volunteer Table
- go to the website and click *contact us* on the top ribbon
- send your suggestions to info@oshawagardenclub.ca
- put a comment on our *Facebook* page
- bend the ear of a *Board Member* at a meeting.

Let's continue to Grow Together as a Club and find ways to appreciate and celebrate our common interest in the months to come, Merle

Speaker: Kaitlin Lawrence

**Succulent Planting
Demonstration**



FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING



GREETER

Thank You to Board member Margaret for welcoming us to the meeting tonight

MEMBERSHIP

Renew your 2020 membership on-line, by mail or at the meeting. All the information can be found on our website or at the Sign-In Table

BOOKMARK

If you missed January's meeting, don't forget to pick up a Bookmark with the Speaker List and the winning photo by member Kathy Pellerin. Take extras to pass on to a potential new member

CHRISTMAS 2019 THANK YOU FROM SIMCOE HALL

1500 Christmas Hampers were needed in our Community this year and Simcoe Hall would like to thank the Oshawa Garden Club for their generosity

TABLES

TABLES are used at the meeting to make information easy to find for our members
Some tables are set up at every meeting and others change as our events change

***NEW QUESTION & ANSWER TABLE: New this month, Patricia, Carolyn, and Debi will answer any questions you may have on seeds and how to start seeds**

SIGN-IN TABLE: Anne signs you in and Patti passes you a free Draw Ticket
Bookmarks, membership information, and general inquiries are found here

TICKET TABLE: Janice accepts toonies for our small fundraiser here

REGISTRATION TABLE: This month and next month, Monika will take your cheque to pre-register for the District 17 meeting on April 18, 2020

PLANT SALE MAY 30, 2020 TABLE: Information about our major annual fundraiser can be found here.

VOLUNTEER TABLE: Judy has information and sign-up sheets for our many volunteer interest groups. (Hearth Place, Plant Sale, Strawberry Social and much much more)

REFRESHMENT TABLE: Everyone's favourite!

HOUSE PLANT TABLE: the plant table needs a winter break and will return in March

FLOWER SHOW TABLE: Greg and Debi will talk blooms again in May

PLACES TO GO

FREE SEEDY SATURDAY

February 29, 2020 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Beacon Presbyterian Church, 435 Simcoe Street, Beaverton

This opportunity to bring and swap seeds is hosted by our District 17 friends from Beaverton, Cannington, and Georgina-Brock.

www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org

CANADA BLOOMS - Connecting People to Nature

March 13 – 22, 2020 Enercare Centre

www.canadablooms.ca

WHITBY IN BLOOM www.whitby.ca

The Whitby in Bloom Committee presents a Speaker Series in partnership with the Brooklin Horticultural Society at 7:00 pm at the Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Rd E., Brooklin.

Free with a donation to the food bank.

- March 25 Martin Galloway
- April 22 Conrad Richter
- May 27 Ben Cullen

www.whitby.ca

PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

April 24, 24, 26, 2020

\$10.00

Fleming College, 599 Brealey Drive

This was a new venue last year and there were a few glitches. This year, two entrances will be open and the main hall will have vendors. Lots of parking

www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

RAIL DECK PARK

It will be a few years before this is a place to go, but Toronto hopes to start building the Rail Deck Park in 2023, atop the Union Station rail corridor, from Spadina Way to Blue Jay Way. Kudos to those who have a vision for UNIQUE green spaces to improve city living

www.blogto.com

Some people fought hard in New York City to convert a dirty industrial area into the Highline. This garden, park, restaurant area was built on a historic elevated rail line and is a gem with a unique view of New York City

www.thehighline.org



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

District 17 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2020



Theme: "Salute to Spring"

Hosted by: PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB



Location: **Blackstock Recreation Centre**
3440 Church Street, Blackstock

Our Agenda will include:

Flower & Design Competitions
Photography Competition
Society/Club Challenge—Design & Bookmark
Vendors

Keynote Speakers:

Morning Speaker: Ben Cullen
Topic: Green Gardening

Afternoon Speaker: Deborah Pearson
Topic : Polar Bears to Carrots, Gardening in
a Changing Climate

Pre-registration Required: Price \$30

Norma Haney, President, Pine Ridge Garden Club
nhaney51@gmail.ca
www.pineridgegardenclub.com



Garden Club members are invited to attend this taste-of-spring Garden Club Event

Pre-register with your \$30.00 cheque made out to the Oshawa Garden Club

Can't commit? Pay at the door \$35.00

Join Greg and Judy and enter the Group Challenge Floral Design

Theme: *Salute to Spring*

8:30 am refreshments

9:00 am meeting starts



Kathy Allam, our District 17 Assistant Director, drove through a blizzard to WELCOME your 2020 Board at the November Annual General Meeting

OUR NEXT OGC MEETING IS MARCH 9, 2020