

The Greenleaf Newsletter

Oshawa Garden Club



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Mary Mason

**Submission deadline
for next newsletter:
Feb. 15**



The Oshawa Garden Club (OGC) is an active member of District 17 of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA)



President's Message:

Welcome to the latest edition of Greenleaf. A special thank you to Cecile Willert who has managed to put this newsletter out between her travelling.

Our annual AGM in November seems so long ago. It all started with a presentation by Margaret Dailey-Plouffe who has organized a bus trip to see the now famous Buffalo garden walk gardens in July. If you remember, we had a Zoom speaker in the winter who talked about the gardens. Cecile will have the details listed below. Forty people have already signed up and we are hoping a few more will join us for a full bus.

Next we ate cake and enjoyed a wonderful slide show of our club's volunteers at work. This was all put together by Vic Walker and Tori Dodds. A big thank you to them as well.

And finally at this meeting, your Board of Directors was elected for 2024. We have already had our first meeting and are looking forward to providing you with a wealth of activities and volunteer opportunities. It's through participating and showing up that the fun starts! Here's to a great 2024 in gardening and more...

Our regular meetings are on Zoom from January to March and you can enjoy and learn in the warmth of your own home. The club spends a lot of money to get these speakers so please mark your calendars and plan to attend online. Anne always has prizes!

Lastly if there are talented or budding writers and photographers in our group who would like to see their musings and photos in print, please forward to info@oshawagardenclub.ca

Jill Snape, Oshawa Garden Club President

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The Greenleaf is a newsletter of the Oshawa Garden Club.

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Submission Deadline for March Newsletter: February 15th.

January Meeting on Zoom

Going Green. Understanding our changing outdoor spaces and learning how to merge form, function and the needs of the planet around us.

Monday January 8, 2024, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Over the last 25 years, Carson has taught homeowners how to raise the value of their homes through outdoor renovations while maintaining a focus on environmentally friendly choices. He is a TV mainstay as part of the North American Cityline team as a landscape designer. He has also been the host or expert on several TV shows that can be seen all around the world. He writes for several publications about outdoor design and appears regularly in a variety of magazines with guest articles and hosts his own radio show right here in Canada.

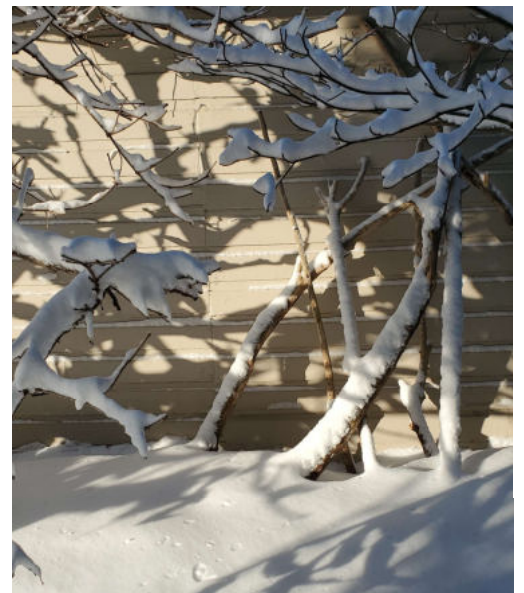


Carson is the author of the sold-out book Garden Designs for Outdoor Living and has a new book called Vegetables, Chickens and Bees where he teaches new gardeners how to grow food and become more sustainable in their own outdoor spaces. In 2019, Carson opened his namesake market in Prince Edward County. With a focus on growing food, organic principals, and products that make gardening accessible to everyone, Carson's Garden + Market has quickly become a destination for discerning gardeners.

His credits include; the host of HGTV's Green Force and Critical Listing; the Gemini nominated Room to Grow on Global, ION and the Discovery network; Better Homes and Garden's Home, First Home on the Hallmark Channel in the U.S.; and as the gardening expert on HGTV's blockbusters; Home to Win Season 1 through 4.

Call for Volunteers - Website Assistance

Anyone with experience using WordPress or who is interested in helping with the Oshawa Garden Club website, please contact Rose Mary Mason at rmmason@sympatico.ca.



Winter photo (right) by Rose Mary Mason.

February Meeting on Zoom

The Butterflyway

Monday February 12, 2024, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

In response to declining pollinator populations in Canada and around the world, the David Suzuki Foundation initiated the Butterflyway Project in 2017. Since then, participation has grown from 120 volunteers in five cities to 1,500 volunteers in 300 towns and cities. Learn about the project's intentions and impact and the amazing Rangers who inspire and deliver it.

Our guest speaker, Colleen Cirillo, has spent many years in the world of nature interpretation, protection and restoration, including 12 years at Toronto and Region Conservation and 2.5 years at Ontario Nature. From 2015 to 2020, she was Director of Education at the Toronto Botanical Garden. In this capacity, Colleen brought a conservation and sustainability perspective to programs, policies and practices. Since January 2022, she has worked with David Suzuki Foundation on the Butterflyflyway Project.

Colleen has served on many committees and boards, including those of Ontario Invasive Plant Council, NANPS, LEAF and Project Swallowtail. Since 2009, Colleen has chaired the Horticulture Outreach Collaborative (HOC), which brings together ecologists and horticulturalists to protect native plant diversity in Ontario. The Grow Me Instead guide, now in its third edition, is HOC's most popular initiative.



February Speaker
Colleen Cirillo



2023 Annual General Meeting Photos:

Middle right and bottom right, Volunteer cakes with Vic Walker, photos by Anne Sewell.

Bottom left, our new Board of Directors, photo by Elizabeth Colquhoun



What Rhymes with Orange? - by Rose Mary Mason

For 2024 Communities in Bloom (CIB) is inviting us to plant orange in honour of our Indigenous communities. The City of Oshawa participated for many years competitively and won the highest honours through Communities in Bloom and remains in the Circle of Excellence, Non- Evaluated category. CIB's mandate is to encourage communities to achieve the best quality of life and community pride through people and plants growing together.

The colour orange represents the stripping away of identity, self-esteem, freedom and culture as represented by the shirt that was taken from an Indigenous child as she entered the residential school system. The brightness of the colour can also symbolize dispelling the days of darkness and despair in those schools.

In the garden, orange is the colour of cheerful energy. It pairs well with greens, blues and purples. Shades of orange can include peach, coral, tangerine, apricot, rust, salmon, caramel, amber, saffron, copper, vermillion and many more.

Perusing my garden photos, here are some of the orange flowers I have planted over the years.

Liberation 75 tulips are a deep, red orange and were sold to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands in 2020. The plants I enjoy most in my garden are those that have special meaning and my late father, Major M.J. Mason, was involved in this campaign. He was awarded the Knight of the Order of the Orange Nassau with Swords. Orange is the colour of the Dutch royal family and his medal has a special place of honour in my home.

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What Rhymes with Orange? - Continued

Another orange flower with fond associations was given to me, in the form of seeds, by a very good friend. It is a Moroccan (or Spanish) poppy with small blooms that last barely a day, but each produces hundreds of seed per pod. I'm willing to share if you would like a creamsicle coloured orange poppy that blooms from June to September and looks great with purple lupins!

Other favourites include annuals I've used in pots such as Hibiscus (Hawaiian Punch) Calla Lily, Nemesia, Calibrachoa, Chrysanthemum, Coleus, Cuphea (Firecracker Plant), Lantana, Verbena, Canna, Gerbera and Geranium.

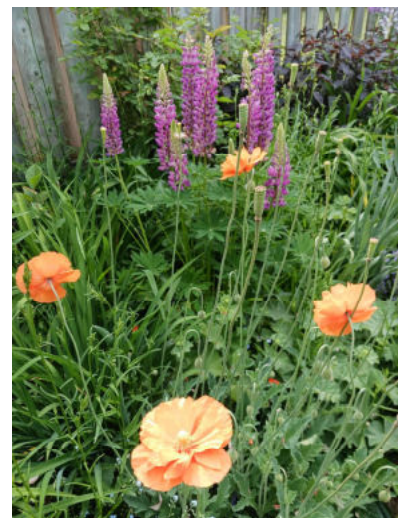
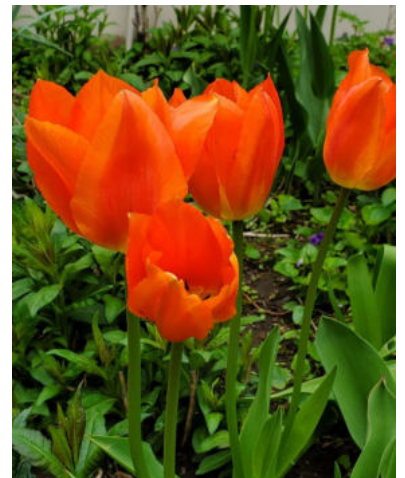
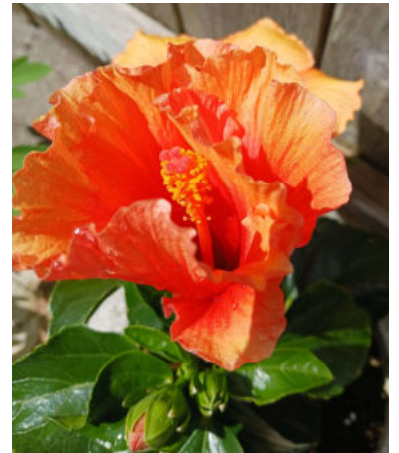
I like to direct seed after the last frost and winners have included Nasturtium, Zinnia, Sunflower, Orange Cosmos, Calendula, Mexican Sunflower (Tithonia) and Marigolds- Tangerine Gem is a fragrant, more delicate alternative.

In terms of perennials, I enjoy Day Lily (I have double oranges, neon orange and a deep burnt orange), Peony (anything with Coral in the name), Iris (I have a light peach coloured one but have seen other darker orange varieties) a peach Foxglove (biennial) Coral Bells (Heuchera), Sneezeweed (Helenium), Blanket Flower (Gaillardia) and Asiatic Lily.

Varieties of flowers that I have grown but not tried yet in orange are Yarrow, Anise Hyssop, Geum, Tickseed (Coreopsis), Bidens, Coneflower, Butterfly Weed, Impatiens, Portulaca or Roses.

And to answer the title question - sporange, the spore sac of ferns, rhymes with orange.

Article and photos by Rose Mary Mason





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Oshawa Garden Club invites you to the
District 17 Annual General Meeting

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»»» **Sat, April 27, 2024** <<<<

8.30am - 4.30pm

at LVIV Hall, 38 Lviv Blvd, Oshawa

Tickets: \$30 - Advanced Registration only



- Doors open & hospitality at 8 am for placement of exhibits
- Meeting starts at 9 am
- (Includes morning hospitality, coffee break and lunch)
- Speakers: Paul Zammit and Cathy Kavassalis

For enquiries contact: Jill Snape - 905 837 5151 jillsnape55@gmail.com

District 17 Update

Happy New Year! I hope 2024 will bring you a blooming garden filled with pollinators and free from weeds. My garden keeps asking when the snow it requested for Christmas will arrive. Hopefully it won't be too long coming.

The next year and a half is going to fly by as Districts 4 and 17 prepare to hold the 2026 OHA Convention and Annual General Meeting. There will be many ways to participate and we hope you will join in the fun (and work).

A theme for the Convention is one of the initial things that needs to be decided on. The theme should be something common to both Durham Region and the Kawarthas/ Peterborough area. The Theme carries through the convention with all the competitions, speakers (local), garden tours etc. and should represent both our areas.

Some ideas to start the creative juices flowing:

1. From City to Farm
2. Green Belts Matter
3. Birds, Bees, Water and Trees

The winner will be decided by the planning committee. Please send your suggestions to: OHAConvention2026@gmail.com by April 28th, 2024.

District 17 is looking for a **new logo**. The "Growing to the Future" motto will be kept and hopefully provide some design ideas. More information about the design criteria will be posted on the District 17 website or



you can contact Debi debifoster.1956@gmail.com for the details. Submission deadline is April 12th, 2024.

Spring is a time of garden planning and there are several local **Seedy Saturdays** that you might be interested in attending.

February 17 - 11 am to 3 pm
Northumberland Master Gardeners
Masonic Hall, 54 Toronto Road, Port Hope, ON

March 23 - Beaverton, Cannington and
Georgina-Brock Horticultural Societies
Lion's Community Hall, 38 Pete's Lane, Pepperlaw, ON

When you are out and about the District during gardening season, please take time to take photos of gardens and sights we might be able to use for a new **District 17 banner**.

Thank you for all you do in your gardening community!

Cheers,

Debi Foster

Director District 17

Oshawa Garden Club Buffalo Garden Festival Tour!

Monday July 22nd to Wednesday July 24th, 2024

THE BUFFALO GARDEN FESTIVAL is a five-week celebration of the greater Buffalo area's gardens, outstanding Victorian architecture from the turn-of-the century and fabulous tree-lined neighbourhoods.

- The Garden Walk is the largest private garden viewing in the world with over 400 private gardens open to the public – we will select the most spectacular gardens to include in our visit of private gardens.
- Included is a tour of:
 - The City of Buffalo – by renowned Buffalo Historian, Marla Bujnicki
 - Frank Lloyd Wright world famous Martin House and Gardens
 - The Erie Basin Marina Gardens, located on the waterfront, are a “test” garden for floral and seed companies. Companies test their products, gardens of beauty plus educational.
 - Also, these private gardens: Smug Creek Gardens, Whit's End Garden and Beth Powell's outstanding garden.

Note that itinerary specifics are subject to change.

Your package includes:

- Return motor coach transportation.
- 2 nights at a Buffalo Millennium Hotel – beside the Walden Galleria Mall
- Meals: 2 breakfasts; 3 lunches plus Margaret's famous muffins and tailgate parties!
- All applicable taxes
- Admission and tours to gardens/attractions listed in itinerary.
- Tour led by HNA Travels Tour Director, Margaret

Does not include: Meals not listed above; Gratuity to Coach Driver; Items of a personal nature;

COST: \$ 899. Per person/double occupancy (no HST) Single: \$ 1,149.

To secure your reservation – a non-refundable deposit of \$ 250. is due upon booking.

The balance is due by May 23, 2024

NOTE: A valid/current Canadian passport is required.

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