

The Greenleaf Newsletter

Oshawa Garden Club



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



President's Message

I hope you've enjoyed the lushness of this spring with the spectacular flowering shrubs we had, all the peonies and irises. The heat will be upon us before we know it! I hope like me you've been able to slip a few new native plants into your garden this year and are working on those darn invasives that we have inherited.

Some of you already know that personally I am dealing with a medical issue that is zapping my energy. Unfortunately, the way the treatments are scheduled my bad days are coinciding with meeting dates and I'm unlikely to make the next couple of meetings. The treatments will culminate in surgery likely in August, with me being fully recovered in the fall. But on the good days I'm keeping an eye on our projects, still involved in the planning for our meetings and visiting members gardens. AND you have a marvelous team also working behind the scenes and front and centre so you are in good hands.

I hope you had a chance to go to the peony festival or at least see the peonies during the week? Our very own Rose Mary Mason took home one of the show ribbons! You will be hearing soon all about a new initiative as an adjunct to our Parkwood project. We've had new additions to our team there and at Hearth Place. It's never too late to join in and attendance every week is not always feasible so think about it. I acknowledge that our projects are during the day which does not work for those still working. That is because these places shut around 5. And I'm very glad to hear you all enjoyed the strawberry tea at the last meeting.

Keep reading the emails for upcoming events

Happy gardening

Jill Snape, Oshawa Garden Club President



Photo by Rose Mary Mason

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July Meeting at LVIV Hall

Molly Shannon

All About Succulents

Monday July 8, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Molly Shannon is the owner and operator of the small business, Canadian Succulents. Canadian Succulents creates floral arrangements using entirely succulents and cacti plants. They not only arrange and design all of the creations, but also grow all of the plants that can be found in them as well. They operate out of a greenhouse just north east of Toronto, in Uxbridge, where they grow over 300 varieties of succulents and cacti. They grow and create these designs for wedding centrepieces and favours, corporate events and gifting, and hotel and office greenery.

<http://www.canadiansucculents.net/>



Faux Flower Show at July Meeting

Greg Merlin is once again conducting a faux show at our July meeting. Members are invited to bring one item per category below:

- Lily, 1 Spike
- Daylily, 1 Spike
- Rose, 1 Bloom or Spray
- Geranium (Pelargonium), 1 Stem
- Coleus, 1 Stem
- Marigold, 3 Stems
- Rudbeckia, 3 stems
- Hydrangea, 1 branch

All in clear glass containers.



Upcoming Meetings and Events:

July 8 - Molly Shannon - All Things Succulents

July 12-14 OHA Convention in Guelph

July 22-24 Buffalo Garden Tour (for those pre-registered)

September 9- Pam (Love) Clarke, Durham Master Gardeners - Bulbs, Jewels in the Garden

October 14 - Speaker details to follow; OGC Photo contest

November - Annual General Meeting

Giving Gardens Update

The giving garden is located in the Oshawa Salvation Army church's community garden and is planned to allow for maximizing yield in a somewhat small area by having successive crops planted in the same bed.

With summer heat, and especially during the June heat wave, it just isn't enough having volunteers go to the garden twice weekly. Volunteers are now going daily to ensure that all the plants have lots of water.

We have continued harvesting early crops from our OGC Giving Garden: 3.5 lbs of kale last week, and both last week and this we harvested 4 lbs of lettuce and 1 lb of green onions. The harvest a week earlier yielded 15 lbs of radishes and 1/2 lbs of green onions for a total donation of 15.5 lbs to the Salvation Army Food Bank that week. All of the Giving Garden's harvests always go to the Salvation Army's Food Bank to help address the food insecurity present in Oshawa.

Rabbits have wreaked havoc in the sugar snap peas. We now have a double chicken wire fence around that part of the bed, which is keeping them out. This heat wave might keep them from growing well though, as peas don't like heat at this stage of their growth.

Rabbits also ate off the carrot tops so we replanted carrot seed, covered them with strips of burlap and then watered them well. The burlap helped to protect them from the rabbits and keep moisture in their bed. We now have good germination and have removed the burlap as the carrots and peas are now protected by the chicken wire fence. The two fences seem to finally be protecting the peas. We have planted peas three times trying to get one crop this year.

The Golden Acre cabbage is heading up well, earlier than the Gold Criss cabbage. Both are supposed to be early varieties. We have two hills of squash planted between the cabbage rows, and they are doing well. By the time the squash needs lots of space to spread its vines, the cabbages should be harvested.

Submission and photos by Alma-Jane MacLean



Giving Gardens Update continued

Thanks to all our giving garden volunteers!



20th Annual Peony Festival

Although the weather was chilly and sometimes rainy, the Peony Festival hosted thousands of visitors on June 8 and 9. The peonies in the garden were at the peak of bloom and the event was enhanced by a greater number of vendors, an expanded footprint and performance artists.

Outside, the Oshawa Garden Club had a table with information on club membership as well as The Butterflyway Project (<https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/>). Pictured (right) are Patti Becker (OGC Vice President), Ann Couch (Life Member) and Catherine Hilge (Secretary). Judy Jaeger (a past president) and Maralyn Hamilton (Board Member) also staffed the display.

Inside, there were 374 blooms on the tables. Debi Foster (a past president) produced peony designs for sale, literally non-stop until supplies ran out Sunday afternoon. She also won six ribbons for her designs! I represented the OGC by answering peony-related questions as well as surprisingly winning a Best in Show, Semi Double. This was my first time ever entering a flower show. Four peonies were entered, and three ribbons were won!

The OGC Best in Show, Tree Peony was awarded to the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens. Patti Becker presented the ribbon to City Gardener Tanya Parker and once the trophy is engraved it will be delivered to the Parks Department.

Next year's Festival will be held June 7 and 8, 2025.

By Rose Mary Mason



The OGC table at the Peony festival was a great success, with a number of new members signing up, some old faces stopping by the table to say hi and to gain new information. With our Oshawa Garden Club signs visible, people recognized us as a valued organization with a strong reputation. The table was filled with lots of information regarding best practices for the pollinators, invasive species and club information. Thank you to Judy, Ann, Maralyn and Catherine for your support in the club.

By Patti Becker, photo by Rose Mary Mason

District 17 Announces New Logo

Discussion about the dated look of our previous logo was brought up at one of the Presidents' meetings so a call went out to membership across the District for a new design. There were five submissions and a vote to choose between the 5 new and the previous logo was held at the April 2024 District AGM. The new logo was chosen by an overwhelming majority. It was designed by Marg Munro from the Cannington Horticultural Society (she is actually their current President). Marg trained as a graphic artist and has a flair for design and marketing.

FYI 14 District 17 members from 6 societies will be attending the 2024 OHA AGM.

Submitted by Debi Foster



Sharing Gardens

On July 11 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. two of our members are opening up their gardens to share with us:

- Alison's Garden 1458 Largo Crescent
- Rose Mary's Garden 495 Madison Avenue



Photo by Rose Mary Mason

Announcing OGC Photo Contest

While enjoying your gardens this summer, it's time to think about taking some photos for our upcoming contest. We hope to resume production of OGC bookmarks in 2025, featuring your photography!

- Theme: Oshawa gardens (in celebration of Oshawa's 100th anniversary)
- Deadline for submission: OGC October meeting (7:15 p.m., Oct. 14). Bring to the October meeting or contact Cecile Willert to arrange drop off or alternate submission of digital files, ogcgreenleafnews@gmail.com.
- Format: printed 5x7 photo, unmounted (name on back please) plus digital copy (jpeg format, under 5Mbyte email to ogcgreenleafnews@gmail.com).
- Maximum: 2 submissions per OGC member.
- Judging: Club members will vote on the photos at our October meeting.
- Consent for use: All entrants consent to unrestricted use of submitted photos by OGC.
- Ownership: All entries must be the original work of the member submitting them.

Report on 2024 Annual Plant Sale

Submitted by Judy Jaeger

Committee: Judy Jaeger, Janice McRae and Carmen Lint

Pictures courtesy of Robert Bell and Jill Snape

Our annual plant sale on Saturday, May 25th was another great success. The liquid sunshine all day from Mother Nature did not deter our volunteers nor our customers. Plants, customers and volunteers got thoroughly watered!

A huge round of applause to everyone that donated plants, potted them up, cared for and transported plants, took lawn signs, bought plants, helped with set up and tear down and volunteered on sale day! A special thanks to Monika Kachel for hosting a potting party, the staff at the South Oshawa Community Centre, G. L. Roberts staff and students, the David Suzuki Butterfly Way (hosted by Ann Couch) and the Oshawa Public Libraries.

A big hit this year was the table offering native plants - all sold out quite quickly. We received great feedback from customers pleased with the variety, quality and prices of what we had to offer. The plants left over at the end of the day were donated to Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre for their plant sale which was held at the beginning of June.

This is our Club's largest fundraiser and helps us continue with the quality activities and programs included in your membership. It would not be possible without your support.



OGC Bulb Sale

Bulbs will be on Sale at our July meeting as a club fundraiser.

Below are the bulbs available for order.



Fortune

Item #: 28745514 Size: 14/16
Height: 18"/45 cm Bloom time: D-E

Bright yellow flowers with reddish/orange cup.



Tête à Tête

Item #: 27107212 Size: 12/14
Height: 10"/25 cm Bloom time: B-C

Yellow flowers, bunch flowering. Fragrant.



Tommasinianus Barr's Purple

Item #: 23786105 Size: 5/+
Height: 3"/8 cm Bloom time: A-B

Violet purple flowers, most rodent resistant. Animal resistant.



Ice Follies

Item #: 26985514 Size: 14/16
Height: 14"/35 cm Bloom time: C-D

White flowers, large yellow cup, one of the best naturalizers. Fragrant.



Purple Sensation

Item #: 19147212 Size: 12/+
Height: 30"/75 cm Bloom time: H

Purple flowers, 3-4"/8-10 cm flowers.



reticulata Harmony

Item #: 27456105 Size: 5/6
Height: 6"/15 cm Bloom time: B

Royal blue flowers with yellow markings. Fragrant.



Pink Impression

Item #: 25617212 Size: 12/+
Height: 22"/55 cm Bloom time: D-E

Huge pink flowers, strong grower.



Apeldoorn's Elite

Item #: 25967212 Size: 12/+
Height: 22"/55 cm Bloom time: D-E

Red flowers with wide yellow edges.



Tarda

Item #: 25296007 Size: 7/8
Height: 5"/12 cm Bloom time: C-D

Dwarf white and yellow flowers, naturalizing, multi-flowering. Fragrant.

The order form is included on the following page. You can place your order at the July meeting or contact our club president, Jill Snape, for alternate options (info@oshawagardenclub.ca)

OGC Bulb Order Form

Name

Phone

Email

Address

City/Postal code

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
#26985514	Ice Follies (Daffodil) 5 bulbs		\$ 7.50	
#28745514	Fortune (Daffodil) 5 bulbs		\$ 6.00	
#27107212	Tete a Tete (Miniature Daffodil) 5 bulbs		\$ 4.00	
#19147212	Purple Sensation (Allium) 5 bulbs		\$ 5.00	
#23786105	Tommasinianus Barr's Purple (Crocus) 10 bulbs		\$ 3.00	
#27456105	Reticulata Harmony (Iris) 10 bulbs		\$ 3.50	
#25296007	Tarda (Specialty Tulip) 5 bulbs		\$ 3.00	
#25967212	Apeldoorn's Elite (Darwin Hybrid) 5 bulbs		\$ 6.00	
#26017212	Red Impression (Darwin Hybrid) 5 bulbs		\$ 6.00	
#25617212	Pink Impression (Darwin Hybrid) 5 bulbs		\$ 6.00	

Total

Report on LEAF planting

Submitted by Alison Babin

The afternoon of Saturday May 4 was sunny and windy. Thirty volunteers showed up to plant 500 native plants in 10 newly dug beds at Gold Point Wildlife Reserve.

The event was a well run, well organized day. The pots were placed in the beds, we just had to dig holes, pop them in, and put a light layer of mulch over the dirt when we were done planting. There was a lot of chatting with new friends and laughter along the way. This was the first time LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) has planted herbaceous plants, not trees or shrubs.

The reserve is quite lovely and it was already fluttering with butterflies and the odd bee. It will be beautiful in another month or two, a fine place to visit with friends, family and pets!

There is another planting date tentatively scheduled for the fall, stay tuned. For more information on LEAF, check out their website at www.yourleaf.org

Tree Tour arranged by LEAF

Leaf is offering a Tree Tour at Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens on Saturday, July 13th at 11 a.m.

Registration is required.

<https://www.yourleaf.org/event/jul-13-2024/centennial-tree-tour-oshawa-valley-botanical-gardens-oshawa>



Blooming Boulevards Free Online Workshops

We couldn't BEE more delighted to present this year's online workshops. Not only are they chock full of great information, they are FREE and available online. Sign up now, and when the time comes grab a cup of tea, log on and tune in!

Using native plants in your garden is all the BUZZ. Why? Because native plants create gorgeous, habitat-rich, pollinator-friendly spaces to support the ecosystem. If you have thought about replacing part of your lawn with something a little more friendly to the environment, you have come to the right place.

Head over to our website and register today:

<https://www.bloomingboulevards.org/book-online>

Upcoming workshops:

- Understanding your soil, starts Aug 24
- Four-Season Beauty & Biodiversity, starts Sept 7
- It's Easy! See Saving 101, starts Sept 14
- See website for more!

