



# NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

*"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"*



**NESTLETON, ONTARIO**  
MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
**March, April, 2020**

President: Norma Haney 905-986-0614

Membership: Carolyn Humphrey 905-985-9459

## **TUESDAY MARCH 10TH**

**Welcome Back**

**Sweet & Savory Social  
Meeting at 7:30 pm\*\***

Speaker: Geoff Carpentier

Topic: "Sharing your Garden with Nature"

**Bring finger foods—sweet or savory (no heating  
required & ready to serve)**

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Be sure to pick up your

**2020 Yearbook and Show Schedules**

See Carolyn at the Membership Desk

If you have forgotten which job you volunteered for,  
please review the Yearbook so you will be prepared.

**Have you paid your 2020 Membership??**

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## **TUESDAY APRIL 7th**

**Meeting at 7:30 pm**

Speaker: Carol Ditomasco

Topic: "Designing a Perennial Garden"

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LUG A MUG**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Spring can't come too soon for me. I have been dreaming of warmer days when bulbs and early perennials begin poking through the soil. March usually awards us with some pleasant days, although snow can't be ruled out as yet. Take time to enjoy these occasional days and begin the job of cleaning up your garden beds.*

*The Board has been busy preparing programs/ speakers - promising some interesting and enjoyable meetings ahead. Be sure to check the 2020 Programs and Events in the Yearbook.*

*I am looking forward to March 10th and Geoff Carpentier's topic "Sharing your Garden with Nature". Geoff is a widely published author who writes a regular column in The Standard.*

*Our April meeting features Carole Ditomasco. Carol will share her views on designing a perennial garden. Her spectacular gardens reflect the beauty that can be achieved when you understand the principles of designing a garden.*

*The District 17 AGM, April 18th meeting should be an extremely interesting day. I hope you're planning to volunteer to help us with some of the many jobs required to make this a memorable occasion.*

**Norma**

**District 17 AGM**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**Hosted by: Pine Ridge Garden Club**

**Pre-registration: \$30.00**

**Theme: Salute to Spring**

**Blackstock Recreation Centre**

**See reverse for details**

**Money to be collected at March meeting.**

**Please bring cash or cheque payable to  
Pine Ridge Garden Club**

**EXECUTIVE & BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2020**

President: Norma Haney,  
Vice President: Kathy Allam  
Secretary: Brenda Jones,  
Treasurer: Anna Spencley

**Directors:**

Rita Barrell, Shelley Brock, Edith Dobbs,  
Brenda Jones, Maureen Innes, Deedi McKernan,  
Lynda Muzik, Helen Nicolaou., Anna Spencley

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**District 17 AGM  
April 18, 2020**

**Photography Competition**

entries must be received no later than  
**March 30th.**

**Suggestion:** bring your entries to our meeting  
**March 10th, in an envelope with your name on  
the outside. Otherwise, contact Norma Haney to  
arrange drop off no latter than March 30th.**

**Flower Competition**

**If you plan to enter the Flower Competition be  
sure to pick up a copy of the schedule at the  
March meeting.**

**Note: Only pre-registered members may enter the  
competitions**

**Pine Ridge Garden Club  
2019 Award Winners**



- Analda Trophy - Linda Brunton
- Johansen Plaque - Libbi Hood
- Newton Trophy - Linda Brunton
- Newton Plate - Shirley Love
- Lillian Smith Memorial Trophy - Ann Julia Bajema
- John Kingstone Memorial Trophy - Linda Brunton

**FYI**

**Peterborough Garden Show**

**April 24, 25 & 26th, 2020**

**peterboroughgardenshow.com**

**\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

**Pine Ridge Garden Club Website**  
**pineridgegardenclub.com**

Rita Barrell, our webmaster, has done a fantastic job on refurbishing our website. Much easier to use and lots of information on our up-coming events and many local events in the horticultural community. Please check it out.

**BUS TRIP**



Plans are in the works—once details have been confirmed, we will let everyone know.

***Check out this space next time***  
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**Gardening Tips**

**March**

To warm up smaller vegetable beds or areas in your garden for early planting, cover with black plastic.

Tuberous Begonias and Caladiums can be planted up in pots indoors anytime now. Propagate pelargoniums (geraniums) by stem cuttings to plant outside in late May.

Cut back dried stocks of any remaining perennials in the garden.

**April**

Begin planting tomato seeds indoors week of April 6th, followed shortly by hot peppers and basil.

Begin preparing your garden beds for planting by digging in compost.

Divide perennials and be sure to save some for the Plant, Bake & Yard Sale, May 16th.

**Good Luck!**



**Remember: Life is good when  
you play in the dirt!**