



NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"



NESTLETON, ONTARIO
MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
September-October 2021

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September 7

Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm

Speaker: Jeff Mason

"Adding Colour to Your Spring Garden"

October 5

Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm

Speaker/Presenter: Michael Erdman

*"Floral Designs for Your
Autumn/Thanksgiving Table"*

We'll share a list of materials in advance
so you can work along with Michael

Proposed In-Person Annual General Meeting

November 16, 7:30 pm

(note the date change)

Nestleton Hall

September Competition *Dish Garden*

Title "Desert Scape"

Minimum of 3 different varieties of
succulents including cactus growing in a
shallow, open container, maximum
width 16 inches. Accessories permitted.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After an exceptionally hot, humid, wet summer I am ready to welcome the cooling breezes of autumn. I find gardening at this time of the year, with more amiable temperatures, much more enjoyable. My gardens are looking a little sad. Although I am attempting to downsize, some amendments are required. I have been researching what blooms at this time of the year and will provide colour and interest until frost. See my list on page 2! I will also be adding mulch to help conserve nutrients and moisture in the soil.

Our volunteers worked diligently on the museum gardens prior to Pioneer Day, August 22. The weather on the day was extremely uncomfortable. Helen, Patti and Lois were on hand to answer questions from the visitors in the morning and Carolyn and I took the afternoon shift. We did sign up one new member and we had another who was quite interested. Thanks to our volunteers.

We live in a part of the world blessed with spectacular fall colours. Please take time to enjoy this season and the abundance it offers. Pumpkins, gourds, fall fruits and a plethora of vegetables are bountiful now. Day trips to enjoy the scenery and visit farmer markets should be on your "to-do list" this fall.

Keep on gardening.
Sincerely, Norma



Thanks to our Garden Writers

After many years writing the Pine Ridge Garden Club column for the local Standard newspaper, Shirley Love decided earlier this year it was time to retire.

Thank you Shirley for the many hours spent producing those excellent articles.

Along with providing gardening news, the newspaper column is great advertising for the Pine Ridge Garden Club and we didn't want to lose the opportunity to share our programs and activities.

That's why we're happy to announce our board member Helen Nicolaou has offered to take up this challenge. Her first two articles provided readers with excellent information on horticultural happenings and gardening trips in a light-hearted, friendly manner as well as keeping readers informed on our Club's activities.

Good luck Helen!

If you missed Helen's August column, here's a taste:

August brings a relief from the hot, humid days and is a great month to divide overcrowded perennials. Then it's time to split and replant your favourites or toss if they haven't performed as expected.

Share or trade your extras with a neighbour or gardening friend. It's satisfying to see a plant you've enjoyed, flourish in another yard.

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PineRidgeGardenClub.com

Norma's Fall Bloomers

Perennials to consider to add more fall blooms to your garden: ornamental grasses, tall sedums, Japanese anemones, asters, hibiscus and chrysanthemums.

Annuals that bloom this time of year include zinnias, dahlias, sunflowers and potted mums.



A dahlia bloom in September

Gardening Tips

Did you know you can freeze tomatoes? Freeze cherry-types whole and cut larger tomatoes into halves or quarters, then freeze on a cookie sheet. Once frozen, transfer to a freezer bag. They will go mushy when they thaw but they will add a burst of summer flavour to soups and stews over the cold winter months.

Early September is a great time to be lazy in the garden. Don't fertilize, don't over-prune perennials, just enjoy the peace and pick the vegetables. In October, get busy planting spring bulbs, pulling summer bulbs, saving seeds and generally tidying the garden for winter.

Keep on snapping...

There's still time to snap the winning photos for several of our photo competition categories. A garden scene, a planter or window box, an autumn scene or a close up of a single bloom.

Full rules are available on our website: PineRidgeGardenClub.com and click "Photographic Competitions" at the top.