



PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"

March-April 2022 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

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Celebrating 45 Years!

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

**Tuesday, March 15
7:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Helen Battersby
Topic: Your winter vacation:
Take a Trip to Beautiful Irish
Gardens

Note: This is co-presented
with the Port Perry Seniors
Club!

Zoom meeting—link will be
emailed to Members one day
in advance

**Tuesday, April 5
7:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Robynne and
Norine of Durham Master
Gardeners
Topic: Creating a
Pollinator-Friendly Garden

In-person Meeting at
Nestleton Hall

Membership is Due!

If you haven't renewed your
membership for 2022, now is
the time. Membership form
attached. Contact Carolyn
Humphrey at 905-985-9459 or
bring payment to the April
meeting.

THANKS if you already renewed!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After the extreme chilling temperatures in January and February I am looking so forward to Spring. Although we can experience a few early warm days late winter, don't be too hasty cleaning up your gardens at this time. Beneficial insects/larvae may be still be slumbering amongst last year's fallen leaves and plant debris. Wait a few weeks before beginning any garden work. When you do, try working some of the leaves into the soil.

I am looking forward to Helen Battersby's presentation "Irish Gardens" for our March ZOOM meeting. I can't wait to experience the beautiful green gardens of Ireland from my armchair.

In April Robynne and Norine of Durham Master Gardeners will provide much needed information on creating pollinator-friendly gardens. We must become more aware of the importance of protecting pollinators while learning how to attract them to our gardens.

When shopping for plants this year I urge you to look for environmentally-friendly plant pots or ask the retailer if they are offering pot recycling. We must do our part in helping to avoid them ending up in our landfill.

As the weather becomes more favourable, get out, have fun and garden with a smile.

Regards, *NORMA*



Sunshine and Raindrops: District 17 Annual General Meeting

This year's District 17 Annual General Meeting is being hosted by Orono Horticultural Society on April 23 at Kendall Community Centre in Orono. Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-registration fee is \$30 which entitles you to participate in the Flower and Photography competition and includes lunch. The speaker is Paul Heydon of Grow Wild Nursery.

If you plan on attending please contact Anna Spencley at 905-985-2911 to pre-register for this interesting and informative day.

Your payment must be received by March 15.

Note: Proof of vaccination with a QR scannable code is required to attend.

To receive a copy of the show schedule(s) please contact Norma at nhaney51@gmail.com

Seedy Saturday-March 26

We're all invited to Seedy Saturday, an event co-hosted by Beaverton, Georgina-Brock and Cannington Garden Clubs.

The event runs 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre (38 Pete's Lane, Pefferlaw). Covid-19 safety protocols in place.

There will be seeds and seedlings, garden art, herbal medicines and teas, children's activity bags, essential oils and more for sale. Speakers are as follows:

10 a.m. Seed Starting

10:30 a.m. Children's Story Hour (Age 2-5)

10:45 a.m. Winged Beauty in the Garden

11:30 a.m. Rain Gardens & Shoreline Greening

12:15 p.m. Connecting the Dots for Biodiversity

1 p.m. Fearless Pruning

Spring Plant Sale is Coming!

We're excited to host an in-person Plant Sale this spring. This is the club's main fundraiser each year and you can help! Plan to divide perennials and/or start some seedlings to donate for sale.

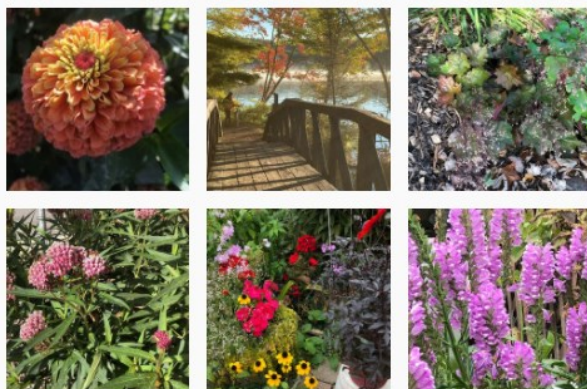
Save the date: Saturday, May 21

Follow us on Social Media!

Find garden club news and great photos on our Pine Ridge Garden Club Instagram and Facebook accounts. Follow us and join the fun!

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The Year of the Garden

The Canadian Garden Council is proud to proclaim 2022 as Canada's Year of the Garden! This honours the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, basically the start of ornamental horticulture in Canada.

Throughout the year there will be initiatives to celebrate everything garden and gardening related in Canada. Close to home, Pine Ridge Garden Club will ask Scugog Township to proclaim 2022 the Year of the Garden and June 18 National Garden Day.

What can YOU do?

- Plant red flowers to show your Canadian Garden Pride
- Enter your best garden scene photo in the Year of the Garden category this October
- Create a Year of the Garden planter to display near your property line for all to see! Details on this Pine Ridge Garden Club initiative will follow this spring.

Learn more online at GardensCanada.ca and get ready to "Live the Garden Life" in 2022!

2022 Photo Competition

Categories for this year's photo competition were shared in January. Hopefully you have some beautiful snowy photos already! Keep snapping!

- Class 1 "Winter Wonderland"
- Class 2 "Dutch Treat" (spring bulbs)
- Class 3 "Visual Delight" (multiple blooms), 1 cultivar
- Class 4 "Year of the Garden" (garden scene)
- Class 5 "Lingering Raindrops"
- Class 6 "Centre of Attention" (close up of a single bloom)
- Class 7 "Clinging On" (summer climbing blooms)
- Class 8 "Dressed for Fall" (fall scene)

2021 Autumn's
Beauty
1st Place photo
Anita Jackson

