



PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"

May-June 2022 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Celebrating 45 Years!

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN PERSON AT NESTLETON HALL

**Tuesday, May 3
7:30 p.m.**

****Place your Spring Flower
Show entries by 6:30 p.m.****

Speaker: Ingrid Janssen
Topic: Peonies & Partners—
Stars of the June Garden

**Tuesday, June 7
7:30 p.m.**

****Place your Iris Show
entries by 7 p.m.****

Speaker: Jackie Morra
Topic: Small Space Gardens
with Big Impact

~45th Anniversary Cake~

**Spring Plant Sale
Sat., May 21, 8 a.m.**

Our club's biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to everyone who is volunteering and donating plants, baked goods and quality yard sale items.

Remember to snap photos of your spring bulbs this year for the photo contest!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was pleased to see so many members at the April meeting. What a wonderful evening. Joe and Hazel Cook provided us with a great presentation on their gardens and bee keeping.

May and June offer warmer days with extended hours to work in our gardens. By mid-May the soil temperature has sufficiently warmed so you can begin planting seeds. With soaring food prices you might want to consider growing some vegetables. If you don't have a space specifically allotted for this purpose - not to worry. Some varieties of lettuce, parsley, Swiss chard, to name a few, blend in nicely in your flower beds. Why not try some larger containers for growing more compact varieties of vegetables: carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, etc. The containers can be placed where they will receive the amount of sun required for whatever you're growing. Seed packages provide an abundance of information to help you get started.

Our Annual Plant, Bake and Yard Sale at Nestleton Hall takes place May 21st, beginning at 8 a.m. Please support this fundraiser. We desperately need more plant donations. Dividing perennials is more easily carried out before this year's growth exceeds 2-3" (5-8 cm). I am certain you could put aside a portion to donate before replanting the divisions in your garden. If you are growing plants from seed, please consider donating a few. Herbs and vegetables as well as flowers are welcome additions to our sale.

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting along with your entries to the Flower Show. Keep on gardening.

Regards, *Norma*

District 17 Annual General Meeting

Several members of Pine Ridge Garden Club attended this year's District 17 Annual General Meeting on April 23. Hosted by Orono Horticultural Society, the meeting included a keynote speaker, silent auction, photo and design competitions, District 17 official business and lunch! Join us next year!





Oshawa Peony Festival

The 18th Annual Oshawa Peony Festival takes place this June 11 & 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens at 155 Arena Street. For more info visit Oshawa.ca/Peony.

Free Compost Giveaway

Durham's free compost giveaway returns to Scugog on Saturday, April 30 at 8 a.m. This year you can pick up this garden essential at the boat launch parking lot on Old Rail Line. The compost is from the green bin program. Quantities are limited. Bring your own containers, shovels, and a donation for the Operation Scugog food bank.

Garden Centres are Opening! Take Advantage of Your Discount

May and June are exciting for the opportunity to get back to local garden centres and see what's new!

Remember, members of the Pine Ridge Garden Club get a **10% discount** on plant purchases at many local garden centres. Check the list in the back of your 2022 Yearbook (page 33) and get shopping. Be prepared to show your 2022 membership card at the checkout, and let the cashier know before they ring up your exciting new plants and flowers.



Mason House Gardens/Lets's Get Growing

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Did you know Jeff Mason of Mason House Gardens does a weekly garden show?

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. you can watch on Facebook Live as Jeff shares his vast knowledge of gardening.

To find the show, go to Facebook and search for Mason House Gardens/Lets's Get Growing. You can watch each Sunday morning for the live show, or scroll down his feed to find previous 'episodes.'

Spring Flower Show Tips

We're looking forward to another year of successful shows. If you don't usually enter... consider this your year! These tips will help you get started at the Spring Flower Show on May 3.

- Carefully read the Schedule, pages 17 & 18 of the Yearbook
- Read the Rules for Shows and Glossary, page 14 & 15 of the Yearbook
- Tulips must be shown with leaves still attached to the stem - no more than 2 pairs
- Narcissus and Hyacinth are shown without their leaves The beige sheath at the base of the Narcissus flower should not be removed
- Flower stems – do not cut them shorter than their natural height
- Choose a vase with a narrow neck to best display your cut flower
- Check all entries to ensure they are clean – the water in the container of cut flowers should be clean – no soil. Remove dead leaves/stems/flowers of potted plants
- Please read NOTES in the schedule
- Need assistance – placing your entry, filling out entry tags? Members will be on hand 5:30 – 6:30 to help you. Late entries will not be accepted
- Floral Design Examples are shown on page 16 of the Yearbook
- If you have OJES – Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards please check for additional information which helps you as well

Social Media

You can follow our club accounts on social media for photos, meeting info and more.

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