



PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"

September-October 2022 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO
MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Celebrating 45 Years!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT NESTLETON HALL

**Tuesday, September 6
7:30 p.m.**

****Place your Fall Flower and
Vegetable Show entries by
6:30 p.m.****

Speaker: Diane Tait

Topic: Are There Medicinal Plants
in your Garden?

**Tuesday, October 4
7:30 p.m.**

Speaker: Deborah Pearson

Topic: Resilient Gardening in an
Era of Uncertainty



Dessert Night Fundraiser!

Please bring your donation of a pie,
cake, cupcakes or other dessert
like bars to the kitchen by 7 p.m.
Items will be cut by volunteers in
the kitchen. Please note whether
you included nuts, dairy or wheat.

\$4 for dessert and coffee/tea!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These past few months the weather has created considerable stress on plants, trees and us gardeners. Unseasonably hot dry spells brought perennials into bloom early and shortened their bloom time. Extended periods without sufficient rain created an impregnable surface on the soil causing rain water to wash off as quickly as it fell. Unfortunately, we were not blessed with warm breezes or overnight, gentle rains that soaked deep into the soil. Hopefully Mother Nature will bless us with a spectacular fall (if the leaves don't drop before then).

No matter the weather our volunteers continued tending the gardens at the museum. A last-minute clean up before Heritage Day had the gardens looking amazing. Thanks to the members who tended the gardens and those who were on hand Heritage Day to greet visitors and answer questions on the gardens and our club.

We have commenced work on the front garden at Nestleton Hall. Much remains to be done once the concrete walkway at the front is completed. Sincere thanks to those volunteers who worked hard prepping the area to be planted later in September.

After ten years, the 2023 membership fees are being increased. I am sure you will agree this continues to be a great deal. Membership benefits include: great meetings with informative speakers, competitions with prize money, discounts at local nurseries, members' workshops, etc.

Please continue to join us on these enjoyable evenings.

Regards, *Norma*

Year of the Garden

Thanks to everyone who offered their gardens for our members-only tour in July! It was a great success.

At the August meeting we displayed images from many of the lovely gardens on our tour.



2nd Garden Ontario 50/50

You've got another chance to support the Garden Ontario 50/50 fundraiser. Tickets can be purchased online : 200 for \$75, 80 for \$40, 30 for \$20 or 10 tickets for \$10.

Tickets will only be available online at: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

DRAW # 2 - Ticket sales end September 15.
Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket.
Must be within Ontario when purchasing a ticket.

Fruit, Vegetable or Flower?

Most gardeners know that tomatoes are actually fruits. But did you know they are the most popular fruit in the world?

Speaking of fruit, did you know some of your favourite fruits are part of the rose family (Rosaceae)? Apples, peaches, pears, cherries, raspberries, strawberries and more are related to roses.

And that classic summertime fruit, watermelon? It's a fruit that some people argue is actually a vegetable! (It's not).

Welcome Fall with a Photo

Class 8 of the 2022 photo competition is "Dressed for Fall" which is a fall scene. Complete information is on page 25 of your yearbook. Entries must be received by the October 4 meeting unless otherwise directed.

Heritage Day with the Herbs

August 21 was Heritage Day at the Scugog Shores Museum and Pine Ridge Garden Club was on site to explain the pioneer-days use of the herb in our herb garden.

Thanks to volunteers Lois Summers, Patti Becker, Carolyn Humphrey (pictured), Libbi Hood and Norma Haney who created the map of herbs.



Calling All Volunteers

It's time to start thinking about how you can take a more active role in the Garden Club next year. A member in good standing is eligible to be nominated for any executive or board position. We are looking for a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To help you understand what is required we will be posting job descriptions for these positions. Elections take place at our Annual General Meeting, December 6. There are also other positions requiring volunteers; advertising, competitions, kitchen help and more.

All volunteers are welcome – all you require is a willingness to contribute, learn and have fun!



**THIS COULD
BE YOU!**

Membership Dues

Memberships for 2023 should be purchased at the November meeting. After many years of no increases, please note membership fees will be \$20 for single and \$25 for a family. Still GREAT VALUE for the entertainment, competitions and fun!

Port Perry Fair is Back!

Back in person after two years, the Port Perry Fair returns to the fairgrounds at Reach Street and Old Simcoe Road on the Labour Day weekend, September 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

The fair provides opportunities to enter your flowers and vegetables in various show categories. Visit PortPerryFair.com for more information.



Social Media

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

Instagram: [@pineridgegardenclub](https://www.instagram.com/pineridgegardenclub)

Facebook: [PineRidgeGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeGardenClub)