



Daisy Chain

December 2023

Season's Greetings!



***Hortie Hope welcomes Jo-Ann Smith to the
EAHS Christmas Party on November 27th***

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Calendar of Events for 2024:

Eganville and Area Horticultural Society

Speaker Series & Other Special Events in 2024

Our Speaker Series takes place each month from January to June, as well as October, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 57 Veterans Way in Eganville. Meetings are always the 3rd Monday of the month, except April which will be held on Earth Day - April 22nd

Evenings begin with refreshments (brought by members to share), social time at 7:00 pm, and meetings begin at 7:30. Everyone aged 12+ is welcome. Annual membership costs \$10 (family \$15). Visitors fee is \$5 for each meeting.

Membership can be paid by e-transfer to eganvillehort55@gmail.com (include all names in Comments) or mail a cheque to EAHS Secretary, 199 Wieland Shore Rd, RR5, Eganville ON K0J 1T0.

No need to be an expert gardener - if you enjoy meeting people and learning from our speakers, this is the place for you! Follow us on Facebook (Eganville and Area Horticultural Society).

January 15 – Frances O’Malley. Self-watering Planting Containers

Come start the new year with green spirit. Learn how to grow your summer seedlings in a homemade self-watering container. Frances will talk about the environmental benefits, the science behind the success, the savings in time and money, and provide a hands-on how-to demonstration.

Bonus: during Social Time - short live demo (creating floral arrangements for competitions)

February 19 - Bob Dobson. My 50+ Years of Planting Trees to Restore My Family Farm

Bob, a fifth-generation farmer operating a grass-fed beef farm near Cobden, shares his story of undoing the government-advised action of clearing all the trees on the farm which was followed by his father during the 60’s to gain efficiency. Learn about the many benefits he has realized with his tree planting project, in terms of environmental sustainability on his farm and for the larger community.

March 18 - Claire Brama. The Butterfly Ways Project for Suzuki Foundation

Butterfly Ways are groups of pollinator gardens (corridors) which help to increase numbers of butterflies and bees. Claire will share her experience and advice based on establishing five Pollinator Gardens.

April 22 – Happy 90th Birthday Party for Jane Goodall observed on Earth Day

A video message from Jane to highlight the Trillion Trees Project and the Roots & Shoots youth program, a birthday cake in her honour, and several speakers who will outline briefly a range of local projects relating to environmental sustainability. Together we’ll celebrate Earth Day!

May 20 – Phil Reilly. My Visits to English Country Gardens

Phil will share his incredible photos and the information gleaned from his visits to gardens in England.

June 17 – Connie Matthews-Cull. Invasive Plants

Since retiring, and moving to her husband's family farm, Connie has been continuing her education on all things horticultural. She has been finding and fighting invasive plants and will share her insights and research.

October 21 - Akosua Asare, head farmer & florist at re.Planted Farm & Floral Studio, Deep River

"The Future of Urban Farming" - Akos will share her experiences earning a living by growing flowers and vegetables on 1,500 square feet of land in Deep River.

November 18 - Pot Luck and AGM

6:00 pm – Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 pm – AGM with special awards, committee reports & election of the Board of Directors for 2024

November 25 - Christmas Dinner with speaker to be announced

Enjoy a demonstration of creating an assortment of Christmas arrangements created on site by the guest speaker. Creations will become the door prizes.

Other Special Events in 2024

Spring Plant Sale - May 20 at Legion Field, 9-11 am

Book Sale - June 22 at the Old Firehall, 165 John St, 10am-4pm

Garden Tours - To be announced

Fall Plant Sale & Harvest Auction - September 14 at Legion Field. The Plant Sale is at 9am and the Auction begins at 10:30. Volunteer Auctioneer Terry Hoelke returns!

We also have a page on the Ontario Horticultural Association website:

www.gardenontario.org

Seasons Greetings

By Connie Matthews-Cull



It's always a surprise to see the first significant snowfall even though most of us have been living in this climate our whole lives. We had a beautiful extended fall and it's hard to imagine that some of us toured the Wilno Hills to see the glorious colours of fall away back in early October. I think most of us were able to plant garlic and tulips in spite of believing we didn't have time for weeks!

Eganville and area gardeners have had a good year generally with enough rain on our gardens and a warm summer. We have met many new friends at the Ontario Horticultural Association's conference which was hosted by our District, and we have welcomed many new members to the EAHS. We are sad to say "so long" to our dear friend and treasurer for the last three years, Monica Brunton, as she has moved to Ottawa. We miss her kind nature and her warm smiles.

Our new year is shaping up to be as exciting as the previous. Our Board of Directors will be having its first Board Meeting on January 5th, and the first members' meeting will be on January 15th, featuring Frances O'Malley with a talk on Self-Watering Planting Containers. Also on that evening, there may be an opportunity to learn more about floral

arrangements. Many members are excited to have the opportunity to apply their imaginations and artistic skills in our Floral and Horticultural competitions at each meeting.

You should note that there will be a members' meeting at 7:00 pm at the Eganville Legion Branch 353 on Veterans Way every third Monday of each month, with the exception of April. We are moving our meeting to the fourth Monday of this month – April 22th which is Earth Day. The Speakers' Committee is excited to celebrate Earth Day on this day by celebrating Jane Goodall's 90th birthday (April 3rd) by featuring reports from several local organizations about their newest programs that support the environment.

It's amazing to think a whole year has passed since last Christmas. This is a favourite time of year because of all of the special and seasonal celebrations and activity. We all love the hot summer with outdoor gardens and activities, but we are also so fortunate to have some opportunity to hunker down on the couch with our favourite cottage crafts, puzzles, reading, and seed catalogues amidst our indoor plants.

May you all have a beautiful and bright holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in January.



THE EGANVILLE AND AREA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

About 75 EAHS members and their guests came to the Legion on November 27th to enjoy a terrific catered meal by RIO Tap and Grill in a beautifully decorated venue, and to welcome the season of friends and celebration throughout the Valley. There was a wonderful Silent Auction, a Bake Sale, as well as conversation-starter games. Thanks to the combined efforts of many Royal Canadian Legion and EAHS volunteers, it truly was a night to remember.

Special thanks must be extended to Sharon Henry who again rounded us up on Monday morning to prepare the Legion's Hall, which had already been strung with beautiful lights and where tables were already arranged, but she also created the pretty favour bags of peppermint candy for our guests at each place setting. Decorators included Judy and Cam Sauv , Connie Matthews-Cull, Val Hinsperger, Lynn Risto, Frances O'Malley, Doris and Peter Hindrichs, Nelda Markham, and Tricia Darley, and Lillian Jeannotte. Lillian and Claude Jeannotte made the candle holders for the tables, and several of our members contributed centrepieces for the tables which were absolutely gorgeous.

We must again extend a thanks to Gail Heins and Lillian Jeannotte who handled our ticket sales and also greeted our guests at the front table. Nelda Markham, and Gregg and Michele Parsons handled the cash at the Silent Auction and Laura Hinrichsen managed the bake table. Shawn Henry handled the technical aspects of the message about food insecurity that was well-delivered to the gathering by Susan Artymko and Bee Stiller of the Bonnechere Union Public Library. There are probably several names that are missed, but we are grateful to all of those who participated in this lovely event, and especially to the guests who came to meet for a jolly good time.

Have a wonderful season and a Happy New Year.



Right: Gail Heins and Lillian Jeannotte

Below: Laura Henrichsen at bake table

Photos by Kathleen Kearney



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Among others, Doris Hindrichs and Lynn Risto helped with the decorations

Nelda Markham organized wonderful door prizes.



Judy Sauvé compiled a delightful game whereby guests could try to guess the Christmas carol that matched the clues. Some guests got all of them! Legion volunteers did a beautiful job by decorating for us with gorgeous Christmas lights. Sharon Henry and her team of volunteers made the venue special.



Member Survey

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

or Email: _____

The Eganville and Area Horticultural Society Board members are looking forward to planning. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of the work below.

You can let us know by sending an email to eganvillehort@gmail.com and telling us about anything that interests you and where you can provide help or ideas. Alternately, print this sheet and hand it in at the reception table at the Legion in January.

_____ garden work (preparing planters or flowerbeds, planting flowers, clean-up)

_____ decorating a village planter for winter

_____ joining the Board as a Director

_____ helping with advertising (e.g., creating posters, putting up posters, ads on Facebook, etc.)

_____ writing press releases or articles for the media about Society activities

_____ joining the team of judges for the Garden of the Month contest (June, July, Aug & Sept)

_____ contribute articles/ideas/pictures for the monthly Daisy Chain newsletter

_____ providing physical help (lifting items at book sales, plant sales, or at meetings)

- ___ collecting and storing books for spring book sale (from friends, relatives, etc.)

- ___ sorting and pricing plants at the plant sale

- ___ collecting plant donations from friends, relatives, etc.

- ___ helping with children's gardening-related activities outside of Society meetings

- ___ serving on Speakers Committee (identifying topics and speakers)

- ___ introducing and thanking speakers

- ___ buying & distributing door prizes

- ___ providing technical help to set up speakers' presentations

- ___ garden tour committee (nominating interesting/beautiful gardens, organizing tours)

- ___ organizing/helping with our Community Announcements table (contributing relevant material & promotion of other local not-for-profit organizations)

- ___ helping with the Society's library

- ___ greeting arrivals at the door

- ___ helping at the meeting (e.g., counting attendees, passing out speakers' materials/samples, sorting name tags, etc.)

_____ helping with kitchen/social committee tasks (making tea & coffee, putting out mugs, arranging snack table, clean-up)

_____ working on floral competitions (creating categories, judging)

_____ Garden tour committee – hosting, posting, planning, advertising

Anything else? (Consider your skills, interests, hobbies, work experience, network of contacts, etc.). You can also include any ideas you have about new or different activities not mentioned above.

Thanks for taking the time to read this through and to think about how you could join in. We recognize that it may not be the right time for you to be involved right now but ideas and suggestions help, too. Please send us an email with your comments.

An active, involved group keeps this Society vibrant and fun for all of us.





Ontario Horticultural Association
District 2
2024 Photo Competition



CAPTURING THE BEAUTY IN MY SURROUNDINGS

PLEASE READ EACH CLASS DESCRIPTION CAREFULLY

Class 1: First Signs of a Spring Garden – a photo of a mass of spring flowers with more than 2 colors. Can be in your own garden or a public garden.

Class 2: Rock Garden – a photo of a rugged rock garden showing different textures and heights. Can be in a private or public garden or alongside of a natural pond or lake or along the roadside or a hiking trail.

Class 3: Close-up of an Insect on a Flower - a photo of an outdoor flower with a visible insect of any kind. Must be an outside plant, not an indoor plant.

Class 4: A Fruit Tree, Bush, Vine or Patch with Blossoms – a photo of a fruit tree, bush, vine or patch in full bloom. Can also be a closeup of the blossom itself. In a public or a private garden. Examples could include Apple, Pear, Cherry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry, Grapes, or Plum

Class 5: A Magnolia Tree in Full Bloom – a photo showing the beautiful blooms of a magnolia. Can be in a private or public garden.

Class 6: A Clump of Birch – a photo of more than one birch tree showing its white bark beauty.

All photos must contain:

40% Horticultural Value – each photo should contain at least 40% plants, fruits or vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants or trees.

40% Photographic Value – exposure, clarity, focus, lighting, resolution (2MB or more) and background. Not all phone cameras take high resolution photos. Check your settings.

20% Appearance & Impact – produces a memorable experience to the viewer, transmitting a strong message and leaving traces on their mind and soul.

Rules:

- 1. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a Horticultural Society within District 2***
- 2. All photos submitted to be taken within 2020-2024. (if unsure, right click on photo, go to properties,***

- click on Details. Look for the date the photo was taken.)*
3. *Entries will be accepted in digital format only.*
 4. *Please provide entries in .jpg format with a High Resolution (Photos should be at least 2 mb or larger in size, otherwise they will not show well in the PowerPoint presentation) Photos less than 1 mb may be disqualified. Not all camera phones take high resolution photos.*
 5. *Photos may be adjusted for lighting and colour balance or cropped but should not be enhanced by adding photo elements.*
 6. *Two entries per exhibitor per class.*
 7. *Take care to ensure photos are entered into the correct class. Identification of entries as follows: **RENAME your photos** using the following format: **Your Name_Society Name_Class Number** eg: **debrabellevue_SmithsFalls_Class1_1**. For Society name, please use the full name, not just initials. See example shown.*
 8. *Please **ATTACH** your file to your email. Do not INSERT into the email message. Submit your entries to Debra Bellevue by **March 15, 2024**. Photos can be sent by email as an attachment (one photo per email) to district2photos@gmail.com **Subject line: D2 Photo Competition**. Or they can be placed on a memory stick, CD or SD Card and mailed to Debra Bellevue 260 Brockville Street Apt 416, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 0B7. For return of your media (CD/DVD, memory stick or SD Card), please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.*
 9. *Winning photos entered in a previous District 2 competition will not be accepted.*
 10. *Please do **not** enter photos with name or date printed on them. They will be disqualified.*
 11. *Photos will be submitted to an external judge. The judge's decision is final.*
 12. *Photos will be presented in a slideshow format presentation at the D2 2024 AGM.*
 13. *The Best of Show winner of the D2 Photo Competition will be presented with a framed print of his/her photo*

Master Gardener Help Line

Judith Cox, our district Master Gardener, has offered direct support to help **on any gardening questions** our members may have this fall, winter and spring. Please reach out directly to her at her email address:

lapisdragongarden@gmail.com