

WINONA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Newsletter

September 2024



Thank you!


Thank you WinHort volunteers
for a successful



Thank you for volunteering plants,
husbands, time and even new friends :D
We took a few plants for our society
boxes at St. John's and the Post Office
and the rest is now history!



Our Birthday Party is coming up soon!
Sunday 27 October 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

Did you decide on your contribution
for our Cheerful and Plentiful
wheelbarrow raffles? 

We'll also need many volunteers
for registration, to help with the games,
and generally to welcome all the
gardeners from D6.

Let us know how you plan to help.

WinHort elections are coming up next
month. The board meetings are always
on the Wednesday following our General
Meetings. We would welcome new board
members. Talk to us :D

It's beginning to feel like fall...
Are you ready?
Enjoy all the lovely sunny weather!

Hélène

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Notices and Events

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

680 Plains Road, Burlington

Let's Go Birding (for beginners) – Saturday, September 21 9am to noon

Learn about Ontario bird species and how to identify them in the field. Heather Hosten, RBG member and volunteer, leads the birding walks. Fall dates include: September 21 & 29; October 6 (lead by Catherine Manschot), 19 & 27; November 16. \$20 (+ HST and \$1 Service fee) *Must pre-register.*

The Joy of Birding (intermediate) – September 25 9am to noon

Instructor, teacher and birding enthusiast, Catherine Manschot, leads small groups to explore the use of field marks, behaviour, taxonomy, timing, calls, songs, and habitat preferences to identify species in the field. Sessions take place in a variety of habitats on RBG lands, including the Arboretum, Hendrie Valley, Princess Point, or Rock Chapel. Participants will be notified of the next program's location via email at least 48 hours prior to each program date. 2-3 hours long. For more experienced birders. Fall dates include: September 25 & 28; October 2, 9, 16, & 23; November 10 (lead by Heather Hosten) & 20 (full day).

\$20 (+ HST and \$1 Service fee) *Must pre-register.*

The Great Pumpkin Trail October 18-20 and 25-27 5:30 pm

Follow the candlelit glow of hundreds of jack-o-lanterns deep within the recesses of the Hendrie Valley; savour the flavors of the season with a selection of sweet and savory delights; while enjoying live entertainment and pumpkin themed activities. Time-ticketed event starting at 5:30pm.

Adults \$27 (+ HST and \$1 Service fee) Child \$20 (+ fees) *Pre-Purchased Tickets Required.*

RBG hosts events and educational programs, year-round, from blooms experiences, to performing arts, to holiday celebrations, and more! To learn more call 905 527-1158 or visit their website www.rbg.ca To borrow the WHS member's passes contact H el ene or Krysl. Members generally get 10% off.

WHS BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, September 25 7pm

At Anne's.

ORGANIC MONTH – September 1-30

This month-long celebration will feature a variety of exciting events including webinars, a livestream, a film viewing, and more. Whether you're passionate about organic living or just starting to explore its benefits, there's something for everyone. Test your organic IQ with our trivia contest, open until September 30. For full list of events, go to <https://choosecanadaorganic.ca/organic-month/>

HAMILTON FALL GARDEN & MUM SHOW – October 4-13 9am to 7pm daily

Gage Park Greenhouse

This year's theme is Candyland, and it's sure to be a sweet treat! Free parking. For information on ticket prices and where to buy, go to: <https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/fall-garden-mum-show>

CCIPR TEAM (Zoom) MEETING – Saturday, October 5 3pm

WinHort supports the Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation, and as such we are invited to participate in the upcoming team meeting on Zoom. Topics covered will include strategies to get petitions passed at various levels of government; generation of media interest; and messages tailored to different audiences for maximum impact. Please pre-register using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oc-2qrj0uGdEGo9dRj1nPv5Yfd5LIKqc1#/registration>

BALLS FALLS THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL – October 11-14 10am to 5pm (Saturday until 7pm)

Ball's Falls Conservation Area, 3292 Sixth Avenue, ON L0R 1S0

Celebrating 50 years of community, culture, heritage, and artistic designs, The Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival will feature unique craft and artisan vendors, delicious foods, craft beverages and wines, fresh, local farmers' market vendors, live music on the main stage and children's entertainment, historical demonstrations, heritage tours and guided nature hikes. Buy tickets online to avoid line-ups. Adults \$10.50 Seniors and children \$7.50

WHS NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 16 7:30 pm

St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Winona

Business: Our annual election, for the 2025 Board of Directors

Speaker, Alison Ralph, explains how a workshop on stormwater management turned her into a gardener.

WHS BIRTHDAY PARTY! – Sunday, October 27 3pm

Winona Vine Estates, 269 Glover Rd., Winona

In honour of our 95th birthday, we're hosting the OHA District 6 Fall Dinner. Good food! Great people! Games! Two amazing raffles, draws and prizes! \$45 a plate (members will be subsidized) Member volunteers are needed to help with set-up, games, etc.; please sign up tonight or contact H el ene.



A glorious wash of colour surrounded the tent, as we set up on Friday morning. Our sponsors - local growers, nurseries, and garden centres, not to mention WinHort members and friends - had been more than generous with their donations.

PEACH FESTIVAL '24 WAS PICTURE PERFECT!

Volunteering for her second year, Mary B. commented on how generous everyone was!



A great big thank you to:
Freeman Herbs, Hillside Growers, P. Ravensbergen & Son, Trillium Hill Greenhouses, Vanderhout Florist, Van Noort Bulb Co., Vineland Nurseries, Winona Gardens, Woolverton Nurseries, and WinHort members and friends!



Hélène's favourite moment was when our new volunteer, Sabrina, found out all about us and by the end of her shift had planned to join our society and had a friend lined up to come with her to our 95th Birthday Party :D



Cat enjoys a satisfying break after a job well-done!



Mark spoke to an OPP officer and said "Looks like you need a plant!", she replied, "Oh no, I kill all the plants that I get". So Mark quickly retorted "If you want to murder plants in your own time that's your business". The other OPP officer fell about laughing!



Where have all the flowers gone?



Squirt, Stefanie's tortoise, ate well that night!

Tonight's Speakers

We are fortunate to have two speakers this evening, both experts on growing (and enjoying) dahlias.

Uwe Zimmermann grew up in Hamilton in a household close to nature, where the family enjoyed many varieties of flowers and pets. For many summers, he worked on a Mennonite farm, enjoying wildlife and crop harvesting (including the making of maple syrup). His many "hats" include educator with the Hamilton Wentworth Board of Education; co-ordinator of Festival of Friends; Board Member at the Grimsby Art Gallery; and Manager of the Hamilton/Niagara Accordion Club, to name a few. A past member of the Niagara Garden Club, Uwe nurtured a love for dahlias, and is currently a member of both the Hamilton and District Dahlia Society, and the American Dahlia Society.

Uwe has a passion for things informative and uplifting, and respects those who encourage others: who share their knowledge freely, and set a fitting example for others. He has learned much about dahlias from friend and mentor, **John Mooney**, who has graciously agreed to join in tonight's talk.

John was born and raised in Ireland and came to Canada in 1965. He had always loved gardening and in 1971 attended a dahlia show. He was hooked from then on, and started growing and showing dahlias. Soon John was showing at large shows, like the 1982 International Show in Toronto where he won in the dahlia section. In 1995 he was instrumental in hosting the American Dahlia Show in Hamilton, notable as it was the first time it was held outside the USA. John's talents are also evident in the hybridization of dahlias. Recently he developed, and named the award-winning "Colleen Mooney", a beautiful purple flower, 4" to 6" in size.

Presently, John is the American Dahlia Society representative for the Hamilton Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society.



Krys & Rien grew this dahlia called "Rainbow Silence"

October meeting - Elections

Our annual election to choose the Board of Directors for the coming year will take place at our next meeting, Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30pm. As we say every year, the Society cannot run itself, so please, make this the year that you step up and take a turn on the board. All positions are open, and any member in good standing may put their name forward. Most of the current Board members have served for many years, and are ready to take a break. The work's not that hard, but "many hands make light labour". Won't you lend us your hand?

Free Plant List

If you're planning to make changes to your garden design, fall is a good time to do it. There's time to think things through, do research, and take advantage of end-of-season sales at nurseries and garden centres. One invaluable resource is "The ULTIMATE Free Plant List for Your Dream Garden", curated by Heather May Jerrard and available at <https://my-landscape-artist.ck.page/2233ba0b24>. It's a comprehensive list of 130 plants, with photos, organized by sunny or shady locations. Included in the list are Ontario native plants, plants that thrive near black walnut trees, drought tolerant varieties, low-maintenance plants, and plants that do well in clay soil.

Members' Corner

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Who would you like to have as future speakers? What kind of topics or activities interest you? Share gardening tips or pictures of your yard or garden. Please, drop us a line, send an e-mail or talk to one of the Board members. This is this is the 2024 Board:

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