

District 15's Annual General Meeting Program



THEME: All About Edible Gardens



From Your District 15 Director

Dear Society Colleagues,

We welcome you and your society members to join us for the 2025 District 15 Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held on Saturday, April 5th at St. Matthew's United Church (333 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2R5). This AGM was planned and organized by a great group representing six Societies with our District 15 Director and our four Assistant District Directors.

Your District AGM is an opportunity to mingle and chat with fellow gardeners and horticultural society members from across the District.

The complete flower show schedule is included in this package together with all rules and requirements for entries, including show classes and event registration information. Please encourage your members to enter the show. We look forward to seeing amazing designs and horticultural entries this year. It would be good to let your members know about the show in case one of them wanted to be a voting or non-voting delegate and thus be able to enter the flower show.

We also are holding both an "Amateur" Photo Contest (any member may participate whether they attend or not) and a Publications Contest from your Society that will be done online in advance of the meeting. During the meeting, the entrants and winners will be shown using PowerPoint presentations.

Please remember to bring your Society banner with its stand to display during the meeting. We will also have an area for you to bring and share your 2024 or upcoming event brochures so that others gain new ideas on what they might do to attract more of the public to their events.

All societies are asked to bring a Bag Raffle prize with a value of approximately \$25.00. We will also fundraise with a 50/50 draw as well as a silent auction. There will be at least 15 door prizes to give away; you will receive that ticket when you purchase your bag raffle tickets. Your participation in the fund-raising will allow the District a good chance to break even on this event. If you let me know what you are bringing, or email me a photo of it, in advance to the fundraisers, we can make the appropriate signage in advance saving some stress!

Doors open at 9:00 am for Flower Show entrants and 10:00 am for others. You'll be greeted at the registration table and directed to the tea, coffee, water and home made muffins! We will adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. Directions to the venue are included in this package.

Registration for the day will be \$35.00 per person. This fee includes the welcome snacks and beverage, the luncheon, and afternoon break. Please send one registration form per society with the total number of members attending, along with one cheque or an eTransfer covering all members of your Society attending. We are unable to accept individual registrations via email or by phone. All registrations must include payment. The deadline to register is MARCH 15, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Doreen Coyne, District 15 Director



This booklet provides an overview of the D15 AGM being held on April 5, 2025 with pertinent activity details.

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St. Matthew's United Church
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Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2R5

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Speaker: Sally Hossain, Master Gardener speaking on Gardening in Small Spaces – with a focus on Veggie Gardening

FLOWER SHOW (Judged during event)

Publication Sharing with Societies

Photo Contest (Judged online)

Publications Contest (Judged online)

Free Recyclable/Reusable Bags will be available at no charge to attendees to carry home their wins and purchases.

Awards: District Service Award
Baker Awards & Grants
District Appreciation Awards
Society Anniversary Certificates (from the OHA and/or D15)

Door Prizes: Fifteen centrepieces to be given out.

Fundraising:

With a goal of keeping the registration fee low and hopefully not having to increase our District 15 fee, we hope you will participate in our fundraising activity. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

There are three ways to play:

- ♦ 50/50 draw: \$3 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5;
- ♦ Bag Raffle: 26 tickets for \$10 or 10 tickets for \$5;
- ♦ Silent Auction: Minimum increase will be marked on the bid sheet.



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Location & Arrival

Location: St. Matthew's United Church, 333 Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2R5

Which building is the church? The church is just east of the Crosby Public School; the church has an electronic sign on its front lawn. Park on the east side of the building where there are 2 opposing rows for parking cars. The front doors are about halfway down the parking lot. And the church is surrounded by 23 low-income housing units.

Timing: The meeting starts at 11am running to about 4:30pm. Doors open at 9am for flower show entrants and at 10am for everyone else. Doreen's presentation will use photos of veggies, fruits, and edible flowers where possible to align to our theme.

What to bring & what to do with them when you come in:

- ⊗ Your Society brochureware to allow other Societies to see what you've produced in order to learn from those materials.
- ⊗ Flower show entries—please go down the hall and then before the women's washroom on the left is a short hallway to the community room. The nine tables on the left at the far end are for entries. Bring your own container/vase!
- ⊗ Your Society's bag raffle item, any other bag raffle or silent auction items you wish to donate. Take those to the back of the sanctuary (behind and to the left of the registration table which will be very visible from the front door.
- ⊗ If you have a clipboard to provide a stable surface to write on, please bring one with you. Also bring a pen and a few sheets of paper!
- ⊗ If you like to drink during the meeting, please bring your travel mug/thermos. We'll have lots to drink but only take your water, tea, coffee, into the sanctuary in a water bottle or thermos.

What else can I do when I get there?

- ⊗ Put up your Society standing banner along that hallway or in the foyer.
- ⊗ Pickup your badge and voting delegate card at the registration desk.
- ⊗ Get a homemade muffin, tea, coffee, flavoured water in the community hall and have a seat on the east side to chat with those you haven't seen in awhile or those you haven't yet met!
- ⊗ Relax and enjoy yourself.

Please participate in our fundraisers! They'll be at the back of Sanctuary.



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AGENDA**



TIME	TOPIC
09:00am	Flower Show Entrants drop off their entries.
10:00am	Drop off your raffle item. Visit the Registration Desk. Enjoy a home-made muffin, tea, coffee. Participate in the fundraisers. Heads Up: Meeting starts at 11am
11:00	Call to Order Land Acknowledgement Welcome Approval of Agenda Introduction of Board Roll Call by Society/Club In Memoriam
11:35	Approval of April 20, 2024 Minutes
11:40	Treasurer & Financial Reviewers' reports for FY 2024 Approval of District Fee
12:10pm	Report from the OHA
12:40	Awards & Publication & Photo Contest Winners
01:00	LUNCH in the Community Room
01:55	Flower Show Winners
02:05	Guest Speaker: Sally Hossain
03:00	BREAK (Last Chance for Bag Raffle, Silent Auction, & 50:50)
03:15	Announce Winners of Bag Raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw, and Door Prizes
03:50	Elections
04:25	Adjournment

Times are subject to change depending on our interactions.



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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 15, 2025

Name of Society: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Fee: \$35.00 per person X _____ (# of persons) = \$ _____

Please send one cheque, payable to “Ontario Horticultural Association District 15”, to cover the fees of all the members of your Society that are attending. This is a Society registration; individual registrations are not encouraged.

Mail the form and cheque to: Michelle Wilson,
64 Turtlecreek Cr.
Brampton ON L6W 3Y1

Or confirm with Michelle, then pay via eTransfer using this email:
oha.d15.treasurer@gmail.com

For further information about registration, please contact the Registrar, Michelle Wilson.
By phone: 905-796-2609 or by email: wilonmpw@rogers.com

Your Society Registrants: Enrol your Voting Delegates Plus up to ONE non-Voting Delegate.

Name	Email	Voting-Delegate	Non-Voting-Delegate	Food Allergies

Please indicate what food or additive your attendees are allergic too.



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VOTING DELEGATES

The Voting Delegate numbers are based on 2024 Society membership. Two votes are allotted per society with one additional vote for every 50 members or part thereof over 100 members. Your registration package will provide you with the number of voting delegates that you have registered for this event. **Plus you may register ONE non-Voting Delegate.**

Society	# Voting delegates allowed
Brampton	3
Chinquacousy	2
Cloverleaf	3
Credit Valley	2
Etobicoke	7
Nobleton/King	2
Parkdale/Toronto	4
Richmond Hill	4
Roselands	2
Schomberg	2
Streestsville	3
Swansea	2
Thornhill	3
Woodbridge	2
TOTAL	41

Schedule 1: PHOTO CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

For D15 AGM April 5, 2025

1. Eligibility - Any members of a District 15 Society may enter this contest. This contest is done as an informal way to have some fun by sharing our photos with other members and to feel rewarded should we receive a prize. Entries will be anonymous when shown and judged. Names will only be mentioned for the winning photos. This contest is aimed at amateur and other non-professional photographers.
2. Categories - There will be only one category.
 - a. Casual – photos were taken in a natural environment using smartphones, iPads or similar, point and shoot cameras, or other cameras. Cropping of the photo is allowed. See “Photography limits” for more details.
3. Class (subject matter) – There will be four classes in each category, with a maximum of one submission in each class.

Class 1: Vegetable Gardening – photos of your vegetables being planted, growing, harvested, or set up for a display.

Class 2: The Birds and the Bees – primarily focusing on pollinators in the garden.

Class 3: Seasonal Impressions – any photos of trees, shrubs, flowers, veggies, rivers, scenic views, parks, gardens, etc. which are taken and give a recognizable impression of the season in which it was taken.

Class 4: A Single Bloom – self-explanatory.
4. Photography Limits – Only digital photos are allowed for submission. Ex) JPG or PNG files.
 - a. Photos must be taken with a non-professional camera. Specifically you can not use special equipment nor settings for improved results. The photos should reflect what you can see with your eyes. Most people will take the photos with a camera, an iPad or a cell phone. Alteration of the photo by using special camera settings, re-colouring, photo-shopping, adding in or removing photo content after the image is taken, etc. will not be allowed. You may crop the photo to add focus on the subject.
 - b. How to Enter. Please email the photo(s) to Doreen Coyne as jpg or png files. (coynedwc@gmail.com). Be sure to name your photos using the required naming convention per file which is: “C” followed by “class number” then “-”

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followed by “your title for the photo” then “-” and then your initials. **An example of a photo in class 2 taken by a person with initials “dwc” might be named “C2-yellow bird-dwc”.** The Contest committee will change your initials to an entrant number so that your entries are anonymous when judged.

- d. All entries will be posted on a OneDrive or Google Docs site so they can be reviewed by the judge and contest committee as required.
- e. All entries will be shown during the AGM with winning ribbons added so you know who won in each class.

5. Rules

- a. The photos must have been taken between Jan. 1 2024 and Mar. 10, 2025.
- b. Entries must be submitted by end of day March 15, 2025.
- c. Please, no entries may be copied/plagiarized from the internet or other sources.
- d. Entries must have been taken by the Society member. That member does Not have to be an attendee at the event.

6. Judges & Judging Process

- a. Judging will be done by a qualified photography judge after the entry submission date and be finalized within one week of that. A PowerPoint presentation will be created once the winners are known. An image of the various ribbons that your Society members won will be added to the presentation. If you want the actual ribbons to attach to the winning photos (which you’d have to print) for your archives, let Doreen know in advance and they can be given to your Society at the AGM.

7. Recognition Prizes

The prizes will be ribbons for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place per class. A Best in Show ribbon may also be awarded.

If you can hold a device
that has a camera in it,
please join the fun!



Photo by Susan Biensch

Schedule 2: PUBLICATIONS CONTEST

RULES & REGULATIONS

For D15 AGM April 5, 2025

The Contest will be run online and judged before the event so that we can easily announce winners during the AGM. All submissions must be made electronically via email.

1. RULES and REGULATIONS:

- a) Societies/Clubs must be members in good standing with District 15 of the OHA.
- b) Only one entry per Class per Society/Club is permitted.
- c) Entries may not have been previously submitted to a District 15 Publications Competition/Contest.
- d) Entry Tags are not required as the Society/Club name should be obvious on all entries. But in the name of the file you submit, you should state which class the entry is for. Ex) C3-garden tour May 14 2024-Etobicoke
- e) Entries received after March 15, 2025 will not be judged.
- f) Entries are to be sent via email only – to Doreen Coyne: coynedwc@gmail.com
- g) The judging of all entries will be in accordance with the Judging Criteria below.
- h) All decisions of the Judge are final.
- i) The publication must have been created and used between Jan.1 2024 and December 31, 2024.
- j) The publication should have been made by a member of your Society who does not have to be an attendee of this meeting.

2. Submitting your Entries for Publications Contest

- a) EMAIL your entries as a PDF; for 1 page items, you can send the full size jpg. No postal mail will be accepted.
- b) The entries need to be renamed before you send them to reflect the following: CLASS, your description/title of entry, your Society. See example in 1d.
- c) A judge has been hired who will use OHA Judging standards.
- d) Entries should be sent to Doreen Coyne (coynedwc@gmail.com) and be received by the deadline of MARCH 15, 2025. Entries received after March 15, 2025 will not be judged.

3. Recognition Prizes:

The prizes will be ribbons for 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place per class. A Judge's Choice ribbon **may** be awarded for the best publication in each class. A Best in Show ribbon may also be awarded.

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4. Classes for the show.

a) Class 1. Special Event Poster

This class' entries must be for an event which took place from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

b) Class 2. Newsletter – 10 pages or less; 1 issue only from January 1, 2024 until December 2024. The issue must have been distributed in 2024

c) Class 3. Newsletter – 11 pages or more; 1 issue only January 1, 2024 until December 2024. The issue must have been distributed in 2024.

d) Class 4. Club/Society Brochure, Pamphlet or Flyer.

This could be a trifold or a flat sheet (typically 8.5x11, 8.5x14, or 11x17). If it is a trifold, please also send the pdf of what it looks like when folded if possible. That is not mandatory. This class entries must be for an event which took place between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

e) Class 5. 2024 Yearbook

f) Class 6. 2024 Show Schedule

This schedule may include Divisions and Sections other than floral. Show Schedule, which includes Rules and Regulations, from the 2024 show year. It must not be part of a year book. Submission should be in the original colour, format and size from Club/Society material.

5. JUDGING CRITERIA

Where appropriate, promotional, and other handout material should:

a) Clearly state the name of the Society/Club.

b) Include the OHA logo, District logo, and any local Society/Club logo/floral emblem/ other. Usage of the OHA logos that are currently being revised are allowed to be on your piece. It is best for your entries to have at least the OHA round logo.

6. Marks /100

Information: purpose, date, time, place, cost, contacts, other	/30
Design Principles and Elements: balance, proportion, scale, "white" space, textures	/20
Appropriate use and style of font(s)	/10
Illustrations/Graphics/Photos: appropriate use, quality of reproductions	/20
Originality and Overall Effect	/20

Schedule 3: FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

RULES & REGULATIONS

For D15 AGM April 5, 2025

Flower Show

Chair: Bonnie-Lynn Murphy

Convenor: Bonnie-Lynn Murphy

Recorder: Karolina Marques

Clerk: Rahe Richards

Show Rules:

Reference material for show is the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards 2019.

Exhibitors wishing to enter must bring in entries the morning of April 5th between 9:00 am and 10:40 am. (Event start time 11:00). No late entries will be accepted.

You must be a member in good standing of a District 15 Horticultural Society and also a registered attendee of the AGM event to exhibit in the flower show.

Exhibitors must supply their own containers/vases, and/or other mechanics (eg. stands in design class) for entries.

Entry tags will be available onsite for completion.

Exhibitors may have one entry in each of the Horticultural classes in Sections A, B, and/or C and up to a maximum of six entries total per entrant across Horticulture Division 1 - Sections A, B, C.

Design Division allows only one entry per class by each individual exhibitor. Total entries in each design class is limited to five entries, therefore we are asking that exhibitors contact Bonnie-Lynn Murphy (Convenor) at bonnielynmurphy@gmail.com in advance of the show to secure placement in the desired class(es).

There is no space allocated for designs to be prepared at the venue. All designs must arrive in a completed state.

Judging starts promptly at 11:15 am and is completed by a certified judge. The Judge's decisions are final.

Viewing will be allowed after judging is complete. This will be done during breaks and at lunch.

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Houseplants must be owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months prior to the flower show.

All horticultural classes' exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.

Any bud showing colour is considered a bloom.

Designs will be viewed from the front only. Design plant material may be grown or purchased by exhibitor. Plant material may not be dyed. No soil is permitted in floral design. Sand, pebbles and chips etc. are permissible. Wiring or taping of flowers is allowed if it does not show.

Entries must be removed at end of the AGM.

Awards

Ribbons: First, Second, Third, Honourable Mention

Judge's Choice Award: Horticulture (across A, B, C Section) and Floral Design,

Best in Show: Best in Floral design

Liisa Wolfgram Award: Best in Horticulture (Across A, B, C Sections)

Show Schedule:

Division 1 - Horticultural

JUDGE'S CHOICE AND LIISA WOLFGRAM AWARDED For BEST HORTICULTURAL SPECIMEN

Section A – Bulbs

Note: no foliage with Narcissus but leave the spathe on (beige sheath)

1. Narcissus (Daffodil) - large cup, any colour - 1 scape
2. Narcissus (Daffodil) - small cup, any colour - 1 scape
3. Narcissus (Daffodil) - any other - 1 scape
4. Any other spring flowering bulb, corm, rhizome - any colour - 1 scape/bloom

Tips: Bulb exhibits should have stems as straight as possible. Grooming (removing dirt, etc.) is very important to maximize points in judging.

Section B - Cut Specimens

5. Hellebore - any colour - 1 stem
6. Primula - any colour - 1 stem
7. Any other perennial - any colour - 1 stem

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Section C - House Plants

8. Plant grown for foliage - 1 plant (pot size not to exceed 12 inches)
9. Flowering plant- 1 plant (pot size not to exceed 12 inches)
10. Vegetable seedling - 3 of same (pot size not to exceed 4 inches)
11. Herb seedling - 3 different kinds (pot size not to exceed 4 inches)
12. Flower seedling - 3 of same (pot size not to exceed 4 inches)

Division 2 - Design

JUDGE'S CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW AWARDED FOR BEST DESIGN

Theme - "All About Edible Gardens"

13. "Tea Party" - a herb design in a teacup (dimensions not to exceed 12 inch height, 8 inch in width and depth)
14. "Strawberry Shortcake"- a design including strawberries and red fruit and/or vegetables (dimensions not to exceed 24 inch height, 12 inch width and depth)
15. "O Nuts" - a miniature dry design in a nutshell (see miniature design dimensions below)
16. "Eat Your Veggies" - a tubular design incorporating one or more tubular vegetables eg. asparagus, celery, green onion, rhubarb (dimensions not to exceed 24 inch height, 12 inch wide and deep)
17. "Bountiful Garden"- a Delia Robbia period design (dimensions not to exceed 14 inch height, 14 inch width and 6 inch depth). Exhibitor may choose to set exhibit (swag/wreath) on a stand (please supply) to display at its best.

Design Notes:

Miniature Design - a design with maximum dimensions no more than 5" (12.7 cm) in height, width or depth, including any container, base and/or accessories. (OJES p. 145)

Delia Robbia - a Period design featuring plant material, decorated with fruits, nuts, cones, seed-pods, leaves, berries etc. usually in wreath or swag form and reflective of the art of the Renaissance sculptor Luca della Robbia.

Tubular Design - a design featuring cylindrical (or tubular) components throughout. Tube(s) may be fresh or dried round stems, plant-based or man-made materials.

Note: Designs will be placed on a table (height 29 1/4") with a white tablecloth.

For design classes, a white cardboard stand will be positioned behind designs on the tabletop to provide the white backdrop.

If you have questions or need clarification about this flower show,
please contact Bonnie-Lynn Murphy (Convenor).

ENQUIRIES

General: Doreen Coyne

905-737-1387

coynedwc@gmail.com

Registration: Michelle Wilson

905-796-2609

wilsonmpw@rogers.com

Flower Show: Bonnie-Lynn Murphy

647-688-7599

bonnielynnmurphy@gmail.com

Payment of Registration

Michelle Wilson (see above)

Ensure where it has 'Cheque

payable to" that you enter:

Ontario Horticultural

Association District 15

OR eTransfer your payment to

David Biensch using this email

address:

oha.d15.treasurer@gmail.com

