

North Dumfries Garden Club NEWS

Spring 2025

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*“Putting
down roots
since 1920”*



“Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace.”

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Spring!

Many thanks to the Planting Committee for their organization of the Adopt-a-Pot planting of the Ayr and Roseville pots. Special thanks to Karen Birk for all the e-mails for instructions and opening her lawn for the collection of supplies.

Our Annual Plant Sale is on May 24th and we appreciate the work of Marg Cation is doing to prepare. I encourage everyone to donate their excess plants big or small (and please mark their name and whether they grow in sun or shade). Remember the success of our sale depends on YOU. Bring plants and friends and let's make it a good morning for all!



OHA MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT The Ontario Horticultural Association is a volunteer charitable organization that provides leadership, education and promotes interest in gardening and related environmental issues with affiliated Horticultural Societies/Garden Clubs and like-minded organizations.

Purpose: The Ontario Horticultural Association is committed to assisting its Affiliated Society/Club members and their children and grandchildren in their pursuit of post-secondary education in a Horticulture related field.

The Ontario Horticultural Association may offer up to one (1) one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) Scholarship each year.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a member or child, stepchild, grandchild, or step-grandchild of a Horticultural Society member in good standing within the OHA.
- Applicant must be attending a post-secondary educational institution in Ontario.
- Applicant may be any age and must be accepted into a post-secondary educational institute in the Province of Ontario.
- The program must be a minimum of 2 years, but the applicant is eligible in either year one or any following year of the program.
- Applicant must provide the following with their application:
 1. A transcript of their marks unless returning as a mature student.
 2. A letter to the Scholarship committee detailing their role in horticulture and community involvement and outlining why they deserve this scholarship.
 3. A letter from an organization or company outlining their volunteer contribution to the organization or the company with which they have volunteered.
 4. A copy of their acceptance letter into their program or confirmation of continuing in their program.
- Applicant must be willing to attend a Society/Club meeting or a District or OHA meeting within 1 year of receiving the award to speak about the award or another topic of interest within their horticultural bearing.
- Applicant must be willing to have their photo taken and allow it to be published, along with their Thank You letter in the "Hillman" magazine and in any other Garden Ontario Publication and on the Garden Ontario Website and/or Face Book page. They will be required to sign a waiver regarding publication at the time of the award being issued.
- The home society will be made aware of the scholarship winner so they can arrange for the speaking engagement to follow.
- Applications will be submitted to the Awards Coordinator as noted on the application. awards@gardenontario.org

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Jacqueline Wettlaufer, 2025

I had the privilege of attending the District 19 Annual Meeting in Wellesley on April 26th. District 19 consists of the following Horticultural Societies:

Galt, Hespeler, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Preston, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich.

There is a 50-50 draw organized by Garden Ontario (the OHA). The draw will be July 19th. The money is used for grants and scholarships. A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to an applicant who is related to a Garden Club member and following a horticultural program in university or college. Deadline for applicants is June 30th.

The OHA is looking for volunteers to assist at an information booth at both the CNE (August 15 – September 1) and the Royal Winter Fair (November 7-16). Please let us know if you are interested.



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The OHA has created a business style card with QR code enabling the listing of invasive and native plants. A minimal number was given to each society. More can be ordered by going to OHA and then Vista Print. They will be given out at the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair.

Award presentations were given to the Hespeler and Elmira Societies on their 125th Anniversaries.

The guest speaker was Peter Pautler, retired outdoor educator who spent much of his career at Apps Mill in Brant County.

The Galt Agricultural Society will host the 2026 District 19 Annual Meeting.

*Enjoy your gardening,
Betty*



*Happy Spring to all the
North Dumfries Garden Enthusiasts!*



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What a beautiful time of the year with a world full of newness of life and green backgrounds with bright spring flowers! I know the month of May is the favourite time of the year for so many.

It was always a tradition for me in the first week of May to take a walk through the woods to see the wild flowers just blooming and some do so only for such a little while. As a child I was always fascinated by the blanket of pure white trilliums – the very perfect three petals with the white so contrasted by the rich dark leaves. I so loved trilliums that I even chose the Trillium pattern for my china which has been used for Sunday dinners for almost 50 years.

Did you know that there are really 5 varieties of trilliums?

- 1.) white trillium
- 2.) red trillium
- 3.) painted trillium
- 4.) nodding trillium & 5.) drooping trillium



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<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/trillium-news-2019-02-spring-web.pdf> [1MAY2025].

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There is a mutual symbiosis between ants and trilliums. Ants need them for food and the food they get contains a fleshy part and a seedy part. Ants cannot eat the seeds and so come back and deposit it. Wherever the seeds drop flowers appear 7 years later. Nature always has a way.

In 1937 the provincial government declared the trillium the floral emblem of Ontario. World War 2 had started and the Ontario Horticultural Association wanted to come up with an Ontario plant to put on graves in Europe. The trillium was beautiful and abundant in forests in Southern Ontario and so it was chosen.

The Mayapple commonly found in forests this time of year resembles an umbrella and has a very special resin in its roots which is used today in cancer research – not the most colourful of spring flowers but maybe the most useful. Another flower I always enjoy seeing is Spring Beauty. It is such a pretty little flower and is also known as candy cane flower. This delicate flower actually has tubers substantial enough to have been used by First Nations as potatoes. Wild leeks are also lovely with their white pompom flower. Many who sell produce at markets today harvest wild leeks from the woods.

Our natural habitats have so much to offer and we have so much to learn! Enjoy tending to your gardens - tilling, planting, mulching and admiring. However, don't forget to enjoy a peaceful stroll in the woods in May to admire and discover all the woodlot coming to life has to offer naturally!



Photo Credit: Betty Butcher, 2025.

Betty Butcher

NDGC 2025 President



MESSAGE FROM THE PAST-PRESIDENT



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Spring has sprung and it makes me very happy. It's a time of hope and renewal and a very busy time in the garden! (We can all do with hope in these crazy, politically destabilized times).

Lots of planning, clean-up, and planting ahead! Our Seasonal Planting teams & Adopt-a-Pot project has been well supported by our Garden Club members. Downtown and Roseville Spring planting took place on Saturday, April 26th and I can't wait to see the new spring look.

I got my hummingbird and Oriole feeders out early to ensure that the initial bird scouts immediately see that they'll be well fed in our backyard. I loved watching them feed in the garden last year and want them to know that they're welcome again with open arms.



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A reminder to everyone to please *Pull One* and *Plant One*. We need to do everything we can to welcome our pollinators from near and far. It will be a great start to pull at least one invasive plant and plant one (or more) native ones! Please share your before and after photos with North Dumfries Garden Club (ndgc@gmail.com). It will be great way to cheer on everyone and celebrate the progress we're making.

I love the opening lines in Emily Dickinson's poem "*Hope*" is the thing with feathers. It goes as follows:



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Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches in the soul,

And sings the tune without the words

And never stops at all.

They seem rather appropriate lines for the times we live in, don't they? Let's cling to hope no matter what we face. Enjoy this beautiful season everyone!

Juliette Coughlan
NDGC 2025 Past-President



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Dickinson, Emily. Edited by, R.W. Franklin. [1999]. "*Hope*" is the thing with feathers. The Poems of Emily Dickinson. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press. Retrieved from, <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/42889/hope-is-the-thing-with-feathers-314>



Pull One, Plant One

by Elizabeth Paling

If you're like me, you can't get enough plants for your garden – more plants, more varieties, more, more, more! Planting densely and diversely is good ecological gardening, however, what we plant is also critically important.

Come Spring, garden centres, online and hard copy catalogues offer an enticing array of gorgeous blooming plants in every colour imaginable. Horticultural and garden club plant sales offer plant divisions of all kinds at a bargain. Friends and neighbours share divisions, cuttings and seeds. So many ways to acquire more plants!

Unfortunately, garden centres, nurseries and catalogues still include many invasive varieties in their offerings as very few are banned outright by government. Friends and neighbours unknowingly give away invasive plants and aid in the spread of harmful species. Many horticulture societies and garden clubs are leading the way by educating their members and excluding invasive plants from their sales.

Remember, our club has adopted a goal for this year, *Pull One, Plant One* to set us on a path of mindful, ecological gardening.

Prepare before you shop!

- ❖ **Native** plants are species that evolved and occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem or habitat. In North America, these species were present prior to European settlement.
- ❖ **Non-native** plants are species that were introduced by humans purposely or accidentally; also referred to as exotics or introduced.
- ❖ **Invasive** plants are species that are not native to a specific region (introduced) and spread to a degree that causes damage to the environment, human economy or human health.

Here is a list of **10 invasive plants** that are commonly found in our gardens.
 Don't add them to your garden and if they are in your garden,
 don't share them with friends and neighbours.
 Instead, make a realistic and do-able plan to remove them over time.

Periwinkle/Myrtle (<i>Vinca minor</i>)	Winter creeper (<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>)
Day Lily (<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>)	Goutweed (<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>)
Lily-of-the-Valley (<i>Convallaria majalis</i>)	Creeping Jenny (<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>)
Yellow Archangel (<i>Lamiaeum galeobdolon</i>)	Bugle Weed (<i>Ajuga reptans</i>)
English Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>)	Miscanthus Grass (<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> & <i>M. sacchariflorus</i>)

A Guide for Southern Ontario



Beautiful Non-Invasive Plants for your Garden

Edition 3 revised, 2020

For a more comprehensive list, go to the website for the

[Ontario Invasive Plant Council.](#)

They have a great resource called,

[Grow Me Instead,](#)

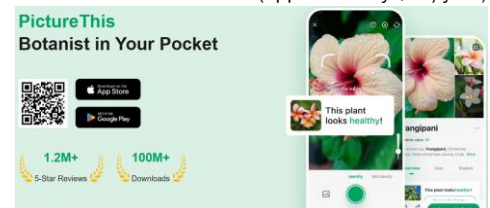
which lists **invasive** plants and **native** alternatives that match the growing conditions like sun, shade, dry, wet.

Don't know your plants?

Try a Plant ID app on your phone.
My favourites are:

Picture This

(approximately \$30/year)



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&

Seek

(free and associated with National Geographic's iNaturalist).



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Friends Don't Gift Friends Invasive Plants

Please share only garden plants that do not pose a threat to our environment*

Help us build our natural community!

Refrain from posting or sharing invasive species

*Invasive species are invading our local parks and green spaces reducing food and habitat available for our local animals AND making forest ecosystems weaker and more susceptible to disease.

Many plants spread due to seeds scattered by the wind and birds.

If unsure, please refer to the Priority List created by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority or reach out to OSEAN (www.osean.org)

Common invasives that may be in your garden:



Periwinkle

Lily of the Valley

Goutweed

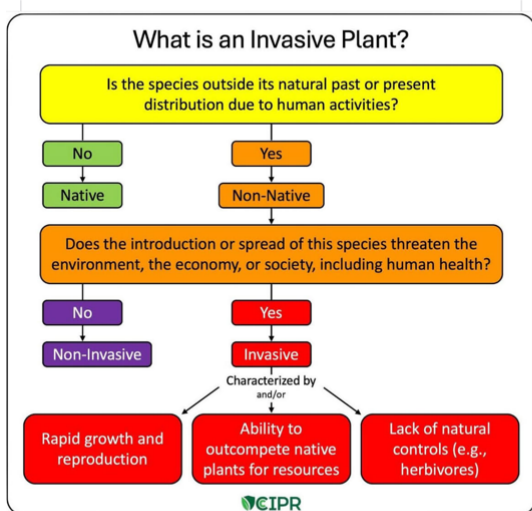
Squill/Scilla

Bugleweed

Ditch Lily

Designed by Ottawa South Eco Action Network

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Share Native Plants – We have many in our gardens

Anise Hyssop, Asters (various), Baptisia, Bee Balm, Bergamot (wild), Black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan, Blue Lobelia, Cardinal Flower, Calamint (Nepeta) Wild Columbine, Coneflower (gray-headed, green-headed, purple, pale), Coreopsis (many), Culver's Root, Ferns (Ostrich, Christmas, Lady, Maidenhair) Foamflower, Gaura/Wandflower, Geranium, Golden Alexanders, Grasses (a variety, not Miscanthus), Harebell, Ironweed, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Jacob's Ladder, Jerusalem Artichoke, Joe Pye Weed (spotted, sweet), Liatris/Blazing Star, Milkweed (common, butterfly, swamp), Obedient Plant, Pearly Everlasting, Prairie Smoke, Penstemon (various), Squirrel Corn, Dutchmen's Breaches, Sneezeweed, Solomon's Seal (not Asian), Spiderwort, Prairie Sundrops, Turtlehead (white), Yarrow (white)

Share Non-Native, Non-invasive Plants – We have many in our gardens

Aconitum/Monkshood, Asters, Astilbe, Bergenia, Bugloss, Calamint/Nepeta, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Coral Bells/Heuchera, Coreopsis (many varieties), Brunnera, Delphinium, Dianthus, Grasses (feather reed, Iris, Ferns (Japanese), Foxglove, Geranium (many), Hosta, Lady's Mantle, Lavender, Lamb's Ear, Peony, Phlox (garden, creeping), Pulmonaria, Salvia, Sages, Sedum, Veronica/Speedwell, Yarrow hybrids, And many more!

DON'T Share Invasive Plants – We have many in our gardens

Commonly found in our gardens – Ajuga/Bugleweed, Creeping Jenny, Day Lily, English Ivy, Goutweed (plain, variegated), Lily-of-the-Valley, Miscanthus (ornamental grasses), Periwinkle, Sweet Woodruff, Yellow Archangel
See a complete list – Ontario Invasive Plant Council
<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Southern-Grow-Me-Instead-1.pdf>

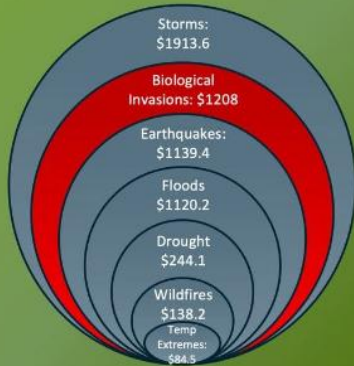
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AVOID INVASIVE PLANTS

PROTECT OUR ECONOMY, HEALTH, AND NATURE

Economic Costs

Biological Invasions are as costly as Natural Disasters



Damage cost of natural hazards & biological invasions 1980-2019 (billion US\$, 2020 value)

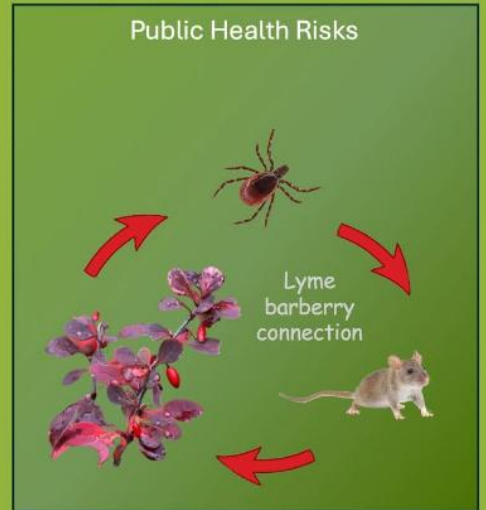
Turbelin, et al: "Biological invasions are as costly as natural hazards," *Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation*, 2023

Loss of Natural Heritage



Andy Fyon: "Periwinkle suffocating trillium," *Andy's Northern Wildflowers*, 2023.

Public Health Risks



Shiela Foran: "Controlling Japanese Barberry helps stop spread of tick-borne diseases," *Uconn Today*, 2012.

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Once here, plants spread – often unseen



By wind



Along transportation corridors

Intentional and



Unintentional spread



On water



By birds and other wildlife

Sales



Planting, sharing, dumping, . . .

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See a complete list – [Ontario Invasive Plant Council](#)

Pull One, Plant One



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

RECIPES FROM THE GARDEN

'Tis the Season for Rhubarb

Submitted by Betty Butcher

I never think of rhubarb as a vegetable but it really is classified as a perennial vegetable. It is interesting that it has no known pests so it is usually simply just washed and prepared. Before the common use of sugar, rhubarb was used for medicinal purposes only and it requires cold winters to grow at its best. Its leaves are very toxic so both ends need an adequate cut. Rhubarb is a good source of antioxidants, Vitamin K and fiber. Enjoy while in season!

Rhubarb Dessert

Stew 3 cups of rhubarb with $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. water.

Cover, boil and then reduce heat and cook for 5-6 min. It will make 2 cups of sauce. Chill.

In bottom of 8X8 pan press a mixture of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. graham cracker crumbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. chopped walnuts, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. melted butter and 1 tbs. sugar.

In mixing bowl, mix 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ packages cream cheese (12 oz.), 1 can sweetened condensed milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lemon juice.

Pour over graham cracker mixture and chill until set.

Cut in squares and serve each piece topped with a generous portion of rhubarb sauce.

Bon Appetit!

MONTHLY MEETINGS, EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



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Members are encouraged to take photos during events for sharing in the newsletter and on social media. Photos, including the name of the event and who the photographer was, can be sent to:

northdumfriesgardenclub@gmail.com



Adopt-A-Pot Spring Planting, 2025



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MARCH

“Peter Rasberry”, Biodiversity in Birding.



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Every living thing in nature has a unique function and no two are alike, birds are no exception.
Many of these species are ‘at risk’ of becoming extinct.
Peter shared the slideshow, Gaia’s Gift and shared a set of resources with our members.

[Birds Canada](#)

[Merlin Bird ID](#)

[Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival](#)

[Ontario Feeder Watch Cam](#)

[Cornell Lab of Ornithology, All About Birds](#)

[Peter Rasberry, Photo Website](#)

[eBird](#)

[Peter Rasberry, YouTube Videos/Slideshows](#)

[Great Backyard Bird Count](#)

[Ontario Wildflowers](#)

[Hawkwatch International, Raptor Migration Monitoring](#)

[Owen Sound Field Naturalists](#)

[Journey North, Citizen Science, Migration](#)

[Waterloo Region Nature, Naturalists Club](#)

[Wild Birds Unlimited](#)

***rare's* 1,000 Gardens Project**

Help us build a Pollinator Corridor through southern Ontario,
eventually to become a Trans-Canada Pollinator Highway!

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North Dumphries Garden Club
Updated, March 2025

Some of my favourite internet resources and sources of information for Birds, Wildflowers and others, in no particular order!

Cornell Lab of Ornithology, All About Birds	https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/
Birds Canada	https://www.birdscanada.org/
Project Feederwatch, Citizen Science, Birds	https://feederwatch.org/
Hawkwatch, Raptor Migration Monitoring	https://hawkcount.org/sitesel.php?country=Canada&stateprov=Ontario
Wild Birds Unlimited Kitchener	https://kitchener.wbu.com/
Journey North, Citizen Science, Migration	https://journeynorth.org/
Ontario FeederWatch Cam	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN7Ddt-2cp4
Cornell Lab FeederWatch Cam	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x10vL6_47Dw
Peter Rasberry, Photo Website	https://peterrasberry.zenfolio.com/
Peter Rasberry, YouTube Videos/Slideshows	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCImB1kytZhkmlttwWGcXt9Q
Peter Rasberry, Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/peterrasberry/
Waterloo Region Nature, Naturalists Club	https://waterlooregionnature.ca/
Ontario Wildflowers, Walter Muma	http://ontariowildflowers.com/
Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival - Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/BrucePeninsulaOrchidFestival/
Owen Sound Field Naturalists - Grey/Bruce Orchids, Ferns, Asters and Goldenrods	https://owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca/product/orchids-of-bruce-grey/
Identifying orchid species on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula presented by Brian Popelier	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwNrnRWgY0A
Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Kimmerer	Book
A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold	Book
Grand River Environmental Network	https://www.gren.ca/
BirdCast - radar, bird migration	https://birdcast.info/
iNaturalist	https://inaturalist.ca/

Peter Rasberry
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APRIL

“The Moths All Around Us”, Alan Macnaughton.

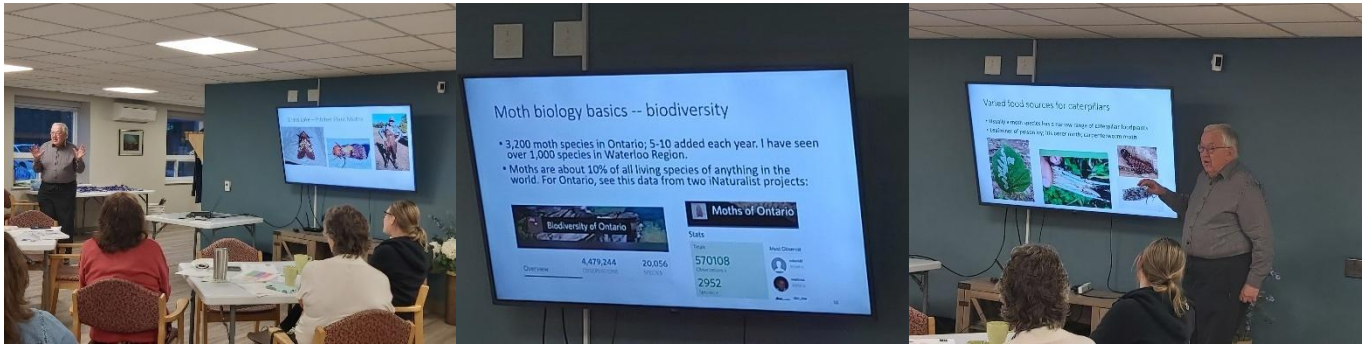


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Moths belong to the Order *Lepidoptera*, along with butterflies, noting that moths account for over 90% of the insects in that classification. Caterpillars and moths move around quite substantially, due to varying nutritional needs during their life cycle. Moths prefer native plants species like *verbena* and native *sunflowers*. When planting native species, use the original variety, not the cultivar – moths have evolved with specificity. Declines in population levels of moths can largely be attributed to the loss of habitat and food species. Oak trees, along with cherry, poplar, willow, birch, pine, maple and boxwood provide food for caterpillars. As gardeners, we can help provide needed habitat by not raking leaves in the fall, and once collected in the spring, delay the clean up and move them to a naturalized area of your property, along with branches and twigs. To identify moth species, try the iNaturalist phone app.

iNaturalist <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Gray, R. and S. Booth. [2024]. *The Gardener's Guide to Native Plants of the Southern Great Lakes Region*. Richmond Hill, Firefly Books, 352pp. Retrieved from, <https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/the-gardeners-guide-to-native-plants-of-the-southern-great-lakes-region/9780228104605.html>. [30APR2025].

2025 Club Meetings:

Doors Open @ 7:00pm, meeting begins @ 7:30pm Kirkwood Lounge, 191 Stanley Street, Ayr

- May 26th
- SUMMER BREAK – No meetings for June, July or August; but newsletters, events and emails will continue.
- September 29th
- October 27th
- November 24th – Annual Potluck & Gift Exchange, no guest speaker

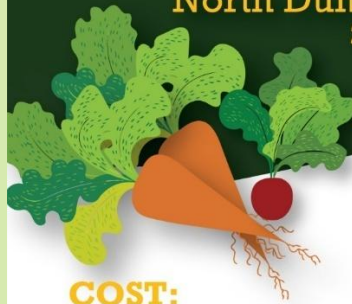


Township of North Dumfries & North Dumfries Garden Club

Community Garden

2025 Plots Available

North Dumfries Community Complex
2958 Greenfield Rd, Ayr



COST:

Option A: \$15 for a 10' X 10' plot

Option B: \$30 for a 10' X 20' plot
(Based on availability)

DURATION:

May 17 to October 31, 2025

APPLICATIONS:

Please visit northdumfries.ca/en/play-explore/community-garden.aspx for more information

The Township will:

- Rototill plots in spring and fall
- Fill and maintain water system
- Provide mulch, soil and tools

The Gardeners will:

- Plant seeds/seedlings
- Weed/maintain their plots
- Follow guidelines provided
- Have fun in the garden!



or use QR Link

2025 Community Garden plot renters are encouraged to engage in our President's Challenge to:

Grow a Row

& share some of their bounty with local community Food Banks.

Please take pictures of your garden & your harvests to send in to us!



Graphic designed by Lori Crewe, 2025.

NDGC Annual Clean Up of Greenwood Park
 Saturday May 3rd, 9am
 Bring your own rake, all members welcome!



May 3rd 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
 2958 Greenfield Rd. Ayr

Musical guest Monique Hunsley,
 Balloon Animals by FlowerPot the
 Clown, hot dogs, BerryBir &
 Beansfood truck, . 40+ artisan vendors!

Sponsored by: Wilmot Veterinary Clinic, MacNeil & Dodd Pharmacy, Mandy Roth - Re/Max

Vendors

- Imports by Marisol
- Loopsy Daisy Crochet Creations
- Kiri & Gus Ltd
- EarlyOn
- Emerald Gifts
- Nana's Quilt Shop
- BJ Creations
- The Flower Haus
- Queenbee Wreaths and Crafts
- Clarkey's Creations
- Iris BackAyard Sauces
- Here To There
- Hubby's Candles
- Toronto Cat Rescue Waterloo Region

Come out to the Spring Ayr
 Market Saturday May 3rd!
 2958 Greenfield Rd. Ayr Ont.
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This event is now sold out. Another Symposium
 will be held on October 18th – more information
 to come on Facebook and Instagram.

BACK-TO-BASICS SYMPOSIUM

Learn traditional skills to lead a simpler, healthier and more self-sufficient life.

The **one-day event** includes presentations by community experts in: Sourdough Bread Making / Growing Food in Hard Times / Pressure Canning / Herbal Medicine Making / The Art of Tallow Making

COST: \$45 per person & includes lunch

SATURDAY, MAY 3
 10AM to 4PM
 Roseville Community Centre
 3195 Roseville Road, Ayr

Register at: castandcrewe.com/symposium
 Questions? d2bsymposium@gmail.com

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Galdarnit, does Ayr Community Theatre have a show for you!



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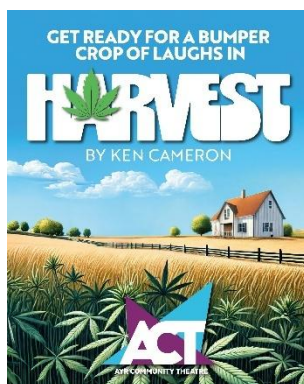
What happens when a hardworking rural couple rents out their beloved farmhouse only to discover they've unknowingly leased it to a full-blown marijuana grow-op? Chaos, comedy, and a whole lot of trouble, that's what!

Based on a true story from playwright Ken Cameron's own parents, Harvest is a hilarious and heartwarming Canadian comedy about good intentions, bad tenants, and a retirement plan that might go up in smoke.

You can get your tickets online or in person at Music & Books, 80 Stanley Street, Ayr.

<https://www.ayrcommunitytheatre.com/>

See you there!



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Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10th, 8 – 10:30am

Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena, 51 William Street, Paris, Ont. N3L 1L2.

Selection of perennial favourites from members' gardens, vegetables, herbs, annuals, and native plants.

Master Gardener on site. Junior Gardener's Corner for children. Plant Auction to follow

Coffee and Muffin available \$2. Cash Only!



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FROM THE GROWER.**



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Everyone is encouraged to donate plants to this year's yard sale.

Donations of items from our garden sheds are also welcome.

Let's make this event a great fundraising success by having our tables full!

North Dumfries Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, May 24
8:00AM - 12:00PM
Greenwood Park, Ayr
(Corner of Piper Street & Church Street)

Native Plants • Herbs
Vegetables • Perennials • Annuals
Garden Accessories
Rain or Shine! Cash Only

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Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour

Saturday & Sunday, June 7th & 8th from 10am - 4pm

Come and visit behind the gates of six beautiful Paris area gardens.

Live Musician's and Local Artist's will be performing in the gardens.

Tickets \$15.00 per person.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Sobey's Floral Department in Paris, John M. Hall House of Linen, and Walter's Greenhouse. Tickets may also be purchased on the days of the event at any of the Gardens.



A colorful poster for '2025 Spring Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshops'. The top section features a pink and purple gradient background with the text 'FREE TUESDAYS 60 mins April to June' in a blue speech bubble. Below this, a cartoon bird in a yellow boot and a watering can are illustrated. The main title '2025 Spring Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshops' is in large, bold letters, with 'REGISTER AT: OUTDOORLEARNING.COM/EVENT' underneath. The central part of the poster lists six workshops with their dates and topics, each accompanied by a small icon: a microscope, a sun, a flower, and a leaf. At the bottom, there are logos for 'OUTDOOR LEARNING' and 'TAKE ME OUTSIDE'.

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2025 Spring Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshops

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- 15 April** Learning in the Garden: Activities, Lessons & Resources
- 20 May** Claws, Paws & Jaws: Resources for Teaching about Wildlife
- 22 April** Outdoor Learning Across the Curriculum
- 27 May** Being Held & Known by the Land: Indigenous Resources for Outdoor Learning
- 29 April** STEAM Learning Outdoors
- 3 June** New Indigenous Learning Resources for the Elementary Years

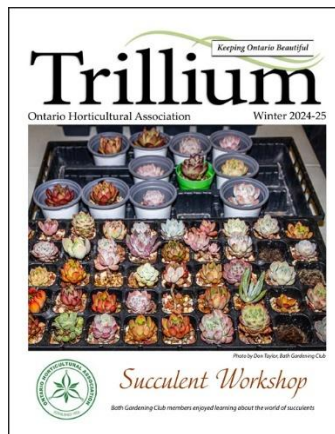
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Here's What You've Been Looking Forward To – The Wonderful Winter *Trillium!*

Start at the front, the back or in the middle! Because such inspiring content was created for this delightful newsletter, you won't be disappointed! Find out what has been going on in gardening. Learn what is planned for 2025 by the OHA, Ontario Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies.



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