

Midland Garden Club

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Jan. 27th, 2020- 6:30 PM- Pot Luck dinner.

Great Food Great Friends

Please bring your favorite dish to share,
a mug, cutlery and plates.

Movie Night: the June bus trip to Whistling Gardens.

Feb. 24- Joanne Rochfalowski “Floral Design 101”

Joanne was past director of district 16 and is president of Painswick Horticultural Society. She is a member of the Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, the Huronia Rose Society, the Milne House Garden Club and the Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society. She is a student in the Master Gardener program, the OHA Judging School, and The Royal Botanical Gardens Judging School. She has completed the Floral Design Program at the Toronto Botanical Gardens (2017).

March 23- Dan Cooper “Exotic Tropical Flowers”

April 27- Karen Stephenson “Wild Foods”

May 25- Edith George “Trees with Heritage”; Flower Show



Ode to the Humble Tree

Swaying gently in the warm, summer breeze or bending defiantly against the spine chilling winter blizzard, the tree endures. It gives its gifts generously, whether it is fruit or nuts or just cooling shade.

It cleans the pollution from the air we breathe. It cools the earth in the summer and protects the birds and wildlife in the winter.

How many children have enjoyed climbing its structure or who have cheered with delight, as they swung from a rope into the water of a river or lake below?

Remember the small plank of wood that was attached to two lengths of rope, tied to the branch of an old oak tree. How many children have swung high into the air, squealing with delight as they go higher and higher.

The structure of our homes are testament to the trees' strength and versatility. The furniture and cabinetry are a testament to its variety and beauty, with its undulating rhythmic lines of the wood's grain.

In generations past, the wood from the trees supplied heat to warm the family home on cold winter's nights and heat to warm the stoves to cook the family meals.

Throughout the ages, musical instruments have been made from special woods, each giving up their inherent voice.

Though wood was late to be used as paper, replacing cotton, it has become the mainstay to the industry. It is used for envelopes, letters, books, bags, cardboard boxes, disposable plates, and fancy napkins. What would we do without tissue? Life would cease to exist as we know it!

Trees give and give, and give some more, but the most precious gift they give us is in the spring, when their beauty is unsurpassed as we behold their blossoms. We are brought to the gates of heaven when the breeze sends us gentle whiffs of scent from the flowering trees.



Trees are precious.

Brighten winter with a little sunshine. Check out some gardening sites



www.finegardening.com

www.canadagardener.ca Alberta gardening

www.readersdigest.com click on gardening

www.growingagreenerworld.com check the website and TV show on Create TV

***Weather Alert: If a meeting is cancelled, it will be on our Face Book page and the membership will be emailed.**



*** Memberships: Starting in September, for the year.**

Single \$15.00

Couple \$20.00

Youth \$2.00

Guests \$5.00 per meeting.

At our November Board meeting Deb Lockhart offered to manage our Facebook page. The plan is to feature current and future events of the club and that entails using photos. No names will be used, no close ups but if any members do not wish your image to appear please let one of the Board members know. I will also address this issue at our next meeting so if you have any questions please come talk to me.

Kay
