

# Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

August 2023



Sharing the Beauty

Hello fellow gardeners,

August for me means abundance in the veggie garden. Many luscious fruits and veg. are ripe and ready for eating and canning - there's nothing tastier than preparing and eating vegetables straight out of the garden - living food! I have already delivered excess cucumbers and zucchini to Georgina Food Pantry and will have more to donate next week. Wednesday morning is the best time to drop off your surplus veggies to GFP at The Link in Sutton. This summer has been particularly good for growing cucumbers (yummy pickles!) and just about every other vegetable thanks to ample rainfall. We may complain

when it rains on our picnic, but we need to remember how fortunate we are to have frequent rainfall this summer, considering the detrimental weather others around the world have been experiencing. I've had positive feedback about our private garden tours this summer; each was uniquely different in size, content, personality and location and much appreciated by attendees. Thanks to the five GBGC members who opened their gardens to share with others. Why not share your garden on next year's tour? It's one of the friendliest ways to connect with fellow plant lovers, have questions answered, get inspired and learn about new plants and how they grow. Of course, our monthly meetings offer these opportunities as well.

We will gather again in September for our next Georgina-Brock Garden Club meeting. Until then, enjoy August; it's our last full month of summer.

Happy gardening,

*Denise*, President GBGC

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## Designing Gardens to Mitigate Climate Change



Severe weather events are occurring more frequently and climate change is affecting the way we live. **Joanne Mohan, Sustainable Landscape Designer at Parklane Landscapes**, will advise us how we can adapt our gardens and outdoor spaces to be more resilient and part of the solution by becoming more environmentally sustainable.



**Monday, Sept. 11 7:30 pm**  
**Pefferlaw Lions Hall**  
**38 Pete's Lane**



**What's in Your Garden?** Bring in your flowers, veggies and designs ~ Asters, Calendula, Coleus, Dahlia, Grass, Marigold, Sedum, Sunflower, Beans, Carrots, Garlic, Onion, Tomatoes, Squash, designs and more. Check your 2023 Show & Activity List for more info.



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## August Gardening Journal

**Cut back perennials** that have finished flowering. Speedwell, delphiniums, daylilies, roses and even lupines and the like will often re-bloom in September when they are cut back aggressively early in August. Roses are on this list and there is no question that you will get a nice September show when you 'deadhead' mid summer.

**Prune your cedar hedge.** Truth is, there is no bad time to prune a cedar hedge - but if you do it in August you will gain the benefit of the last flush of growth come late August and September.

**Plant.** Many of us forget, come mid summer, that this is a great time of year to plant trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials and even late season annuals. Look for plants that are deep green (a sign that they are well fed), lush and ready to grow. When you remove a new plant from its pot the roots should fill up to 2/3 of the soil mass but no more. If the pot is 'all roots' you have a root bound plant that is going to have trouble putting down new roots in your garden.

**Cut your lawn high.** During the summer months cut your lawn at 2 1/2 to 3 inches high. No shorter! Keep in mind that the 'taller the grass blades the deeper the roots' the deeper the roots the more drought tolerant they are. You will water less. You will also have a lot fewer lawn weeds to deal with as the young ones will be shaded out by the long grass blades.

**Pick your ripe veggies and fruit.** It is a rule to live by: pick your beans/peas/raspberries/tomatoes etc. as they ripen and this will encourage new fruit to develop.

## What's Happening:

**Monday, Sept 25,** Cannington Horticultural Society, *Blooms for Butterflies* with Anna Mizyn, Cannington Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

**Thursday, Sept 28,** Beaverton Garden Club, *Gardening for the Birds* with Gini Sage & Karin Durnin, Durham Master Gardeners, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7:30 pm

If you have any suggestions for upcoming newsletters just contact [kathiecb3@gmail.com](mailto:kathiecb3@gmail.com)

## BREAKING NEWS!

### 2024 Perennial Plant of the Year Announced

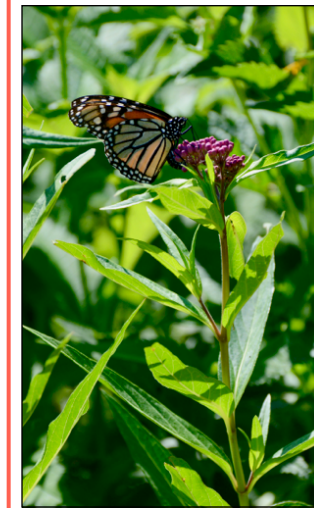
The Perennial Plant Association has named the 2024 Plant of the Year: Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'

Canadian Hardiness Zones 3 to 8

Plant in Full sun; afternoon shade in hot climates

Size: 36-60 inches tall, 36-48 inches wide

For more info. visit <https://perennialplant.org/page/2024PPOY>



*Are your lovely photos locked away in your phone or computer?*

Enter them into our fun & friendly November photo competition. Your photo may be chosen Best in Show or selected as the 2024 GBGC Bookmark. Check out the 2023 GBGC Show & Activity list for details.



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