

Bracebridge Horticultural Society
Growing Since 1932

2024 Yearbook



President's Message

Welcome to the Bracebridge Horticultural Society ('BHS' for short).

It is my pleasure to accept the position of Society President for 2024. I hope that I can fulfill the position as effectively as my predecessors. The Society has a dedicated and hard working executive and with their ongoing efforts we will be successful in bringing a full schedule of speakers, workshops, tours, plant sale and flower show. BHS is also the host for the District Fall Workshop and as such we have an opportunity to showcase our decorating and hosting skills. This Yearbook will provide you with an outline of the upcoming activities and contact information for the year ahead.

BHS, through its volunteers, contributes to the education and beauty of Bracebridge. We have skilled and highly devoted volunteers that keep the Millennium Garden, Rotary Garden, Library Garden and the Centre for Active Living Gardens in tiptop shape. Coming out as a volunteer on a regular basis or on an 'as you can' basis will provide you with an opportunity to network and expand your gardening knowledge.

We are always looking for new ideas and gardening information, so please feel free to participate at our meetings and offer your suggestions. We can all learn from each other.

As you sit at home in the middle of winter, I hope you can enjoy the anticipation of the next gardening season by thinking of the colours and smells that will once again surround us.

Yours in gardening

Sharon Hill



In 2023 Bracebridge Horticultural Society Members generously donated **1397 Volunteer Hours** to maintain public gardens, engage with our community and ensure a vibrant organization. Volunteers always welcome!

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Food Garden Companions

- *Garlic & Roses
- *Garlic & Tomatoes
- *Marigolds & Tomatoes
- *Peppers & Tomatoes, Parsley
Basil, Carrots
- *Strawberries & Peaches

Avoid These Combinations

- *Apples & Tomatoes
- *Broccoli & Tomatoes
- *Peppers & Beans
- *Potatoes & Melons
- *Garlic & Onions next to Peas & Beans

Committees for 2024

Advertising & Publicity: Thelma Marrin, Donna Wallace & Kate Ruttan

Archives: Sharon Slater

Budget: Sharon Davis & Piret Hurrell

Bursary & School Grant Liaison: Karen Boyer

Bus Tours & Car Trips: Sharon Davis & Sharon Slater

Greeting Cards: Verla Hammond

Facebook & OHA site: Sharon Hill

Flower Shows: Sharon Slater, Sharon Davis, Sharon Hill & Ruth Scholey

Front Yard Garden Recognition: Postponed until 2025 – Bracebridge 150th Anniversary

Fundraising: All Members, Family & Friends

Garden Captains: Millennium – Sharon Slater

Library – Jan Larsen Rotary – Stephanie Lehman

Centre for Active Living – Nancy Thompson

Kitchen: Ruth Scholey, Verla Hammond & Judy Berry

Membership: Donna Wallace

Program 2024: Kathy Dyer & Karen Boyer

Share The Wealth & Door Prizes: Sharon Slater

Workshops: Kathy Dyer & Karen Boyer

Yearbook 2024: Karen Boyer

Youth: Volunteer(s) Needed

Ladybugs

An important partner in pest control. They eat aphids, mites, scales, whitefly, mealybugs; also, cabbage moths, bollworms, tomato hornworms and broccoli worms. When the temperature drops, ladybugs find shelter in a damp woodpile, sheds and garages and even come inside homes. Let stems, twigs and leaves remain in place. Ladybugs gather in groups to stay warm and emit a pheromone to attract more.

Family Scavenger Hunt

Discover nature, have fun with your family, explore the outdoors and bring attention to the details in your surrounding environment. Here are some ideas of items to gather, but you can create your own list.

- *A leaf that has a scent when you rub it
- *Leaves with two different shapes or colours
- *A twig shaped like a letter
- *Something smooth
- *A cone from an evergreen tree
- *Something beautiful
- *A pebble from the base of a tree

Why You Need to Weed

- *Weeds rob the soil of moisture and nutrients that would benefit our desirable plants and take up space that plants need to mature.
- *Weeds grow tall and shade flowers and vegetables, stunting their growth
- *Weeds are a hiding place and breeding ground for pests and diseases.

Helping Bees In Your Garden

- *Bees are the world's most important pollinating insect
- *Plan for continuous bloom, thus providing a steady supply of food for bees
- *Mass plants: Place 3 -5 plants of the same species in a group, making it easier for bees to find them and bees use less energy to collect pollen and nectar
- *Avoid pesticides as bees are highly sensitive to them
- *Plant flowers with single blooms as they are easier for bees to access the pollen and nectar than double bloom flowers
- *Bees rely on the colours and scents from flowers to find food. Purple, yellow, white and blue flowers are the easiest for them to see. Bees find fragrant flowers irresistible
- *Removing spent flowers helps promote longer blooming and thus more food for bees. Pruning to promote bloom ensures plant health and bee food supplies
- *Bee attracting plants for spring: Foxglove, heather, primrose, crocus, heliotrope
Mid season bee loving plants: chives, dahlia, lavender, sunflower, yarrow
Late season plants: coneflower, pumpkin, perennial asters, sedum, squash.

Dates of Executive Meetings, General Meetings, Workshops, Special Events:

February 13 – Executive Meeting

February 27 – General Meeting: ***The Power of Local Food. Kelli Ebbs-Muskoka North Good Food Coop***

March 10 – Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12 – Executive Meeting

March 19 – Spring Equinox – Equal amount of daylight and darkness

March 23 – Earth Hour 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

March 26 – General Meeting: ***Native Plants. Linda Pots, Brackenrig Garden Centre & Maintenance***

April 08 – Total Solar Eclipse

April 09 – Executive Meeting

April 13 – Workshop: ***Tool Sharpening.***

April 20 – Garden Clean Up

April 22 – Earth Day

April 23 – General Meeting: ***Herb Planter Workshop. Winston Miller & Trudy Wrightman, Seasons in the Country. Julie Charters - Butterfly Garden at Andy's House.***

April 27 – Garden Clean Up Rain Date

May 04 – D18 AGM – Sprucedale

May 14 – Executive Meeting

May 25 – ***Plant/Yard/Bake Sale at Train Station Parking Lot. 8:00 a.m. - Noon***

May 28 – General Meeting: ***Breeding Begonia boliviensis. Greg Mierle***

June 05 – World Environment Day

June 11 – Executive Meeting

June 15 – Workshop: ***Seed Paper Making.***

June – July – Front Yard Garden Recognition Contest – Postponed to 2025 for Bracebridge 150th Anniversary

June 20 – Summer Solstice –The longest day and the shortest night.

June 25 – General Meeting: ***Preserving the Harvest. Drying, Freezing, Pickling, Fermenting & Cold Storage. Dianne Wooldridge***

June, July, August – Tours of Members' Gardens

July 12-14 – OHA 116th Convention, Guelph

August 10 – **Flower Show + Silent Auction at Centre for Active Living. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

August – Workshop: **Flower Pounding into Fabric.**

September 10 – Executive Meeting

September 22 – Autumnal Equinox: Equal amount of daylight and darkness

September 24 – General Meeting: **Bedrock Botanicals Trivia Game. Rebecca Krawczyk, Botanicals.ca**

September 28 – **D18 Fall Workshop, Bracebridge**

October 08 – Executive Meeting

October 22 – General Meeting: **Photography Contest + Evergreen Swag & Bow Making Demo**

November 03 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 12 – Executive Meeting

November 26 – **Annual General Meeting + Pot Luck Dinner & Entertainment**

December 21 – Winter Solstice: The longest night and shortest day.

Location of Bird Feeders

Position bird feeders and birdbaths half a meter/1.5 feet or less from your windows or more than 10 metres/33 feet from a window. Within a 1/2 metre, birds cannot build up enough momentum to injure themselves too seriously if they hit the window. More than 10 metres away provides birds with an opportunity to veer away from the window when they realize it is not a thoroughfare to another part of your garden.

Iced Sun Catchers

Collect leaves, berries, grasses, pine needles, twigs and seeds. Arrange them in the bottom of a repurposed plastic container, pie plate or cake pan. Add a piece of string to be used for hanging the sun catcher. Pour water over the arrangement. Leave outside to freeze or place in freezer. Set container briefly in warm water to dislodge the iced contents. Hang outdoors in a location where it catches the sun.

Summer Flower Show & Silent Auction

Saturday August 10, 2023 - 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Centre for Active Living, 54 Dominion Street

Rules & Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the Bracebridge Horticultural Society. Memberships available at the door \$20.00.
2. All entries must be submitted between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on August 10 and remain until 2:00p.m. Doors will be closed at 10:00 for judging.
3. Exhibitors may enter two exhibits in each class, as long as they are different cultivars.
4. All exhibits must be the property of and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months except for the design classes where materials may be from any source.
5. Entry tags must be securely attached.
6. First, Second & Third prizes will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.
7. Exhibits are placed at exhibitors' own risk. The Flower Show committee is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged exhibits. All possible care will be taken with the exhibits.
8. All exhibits must be pest free or they will be removed immediately by the committee.
9. All exhibits must be clean and well groomed. Remove all dust, dirt, damage and dead foliage and blooms.
10. All vegetables must be shown on a paper plate.
11. In the Houseplant Section pots must not exceed 10" except for Dish Garden #10.
12. Refer to the Ontario Judging Standards Booklet for exhibiting.

**Any questions may be directed to the Flower Show Committee members: Sharon Davis, Sharon Hill, Ruth Scholey or Sharon Slater.

Prizes & Awards:

1. **Prizes for Cuttings, Vegetables, & Houseplants:**
1st - \$3.00 2nd - \$2.00 3rd - \$1.00
2. **Prizes for Designs:** 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00
3. **Bracebridge Horticultural Society Award:** The exhibitor having the highest number of points in the Summer Flower Show will have their name engraved on the plaque.

4. **Society Award:** Awarded to a new exhibitor with the highest number of points.
Must have at least 3 entries.
5. **Best Rose:** South Branch Farm
6. **Best Bloom in Show:** (Excluding roses) South Branch Farm
7. **Best Design:** Seasons in the Country
8. **Best Houseplant:** CR Flowers

Cutting Classes: To be shown with own foliage

1. CALENDULA – 5 blooms
2. COSMOS – 3 stems
3. DAHLIA – 3 blooms under 4"
4. DAHLIA – 1 bloom over 4 "
5. ECHINACEA – 3 stems
6. HYDRANGEA – 1 bloom
7. RUDBECKIA - 3 stems
8. LILY – 1 stem, no daylilies
9. MARIGOLD - 1 bloom over 3"
10. MARIGOLD – 3 blooms, 1 – 3 "
11. NASTURTIUM – 5 blooms, mixed colours
12. PETUNIA – 3 stems, single
13. PETUNIA – 3 stems, double
14. PHLOX - 1 stem, perennial, any colour
15. ROSE – 1 spray, any variety
16. ROSE – 1 stem, any variety
17. ROSE – 1 bloom, any variety, floating in a bowl, no foliage
18. SWEET PEA – 5 stems
19. TUBEROUS BEGONIA – 1 bloom, floating in water with own foliage
20. ZINNIA – 1 bloom
21. COLLECTION OF CUT FLOWERS IN A VASE – minimum of 5 varieties, up to a maximum of 15 stems
22. COLLECTION OF FOLIAGE IN A VASE – 3 types
23. COLLECTION OF GRASSES IN A VASE – 3 types
24. COLLECTION OF HOSTAS IN A VASE – 3 leaves
25. SEASONAL FLOWER, NOT LISTED – 1 bloom, stem, spike or spray, named

Vegetable Classes:

26. TOMATO – small fruit – 1 stem
27. SUMMER BOUNTY IN A BASKET – a collection of vegetables
28. HERBS – 3 cut specimens in a container

Design Classes: Theme: “Challenging Your Imagination”

The following designs are left to your interpretation. Accessories permitted. Materials may be from any source. Please have fun and use your imagination.

1. A SCULPTURE – a design using a sculpture (maximum sculpture size 14”)
2. WOOD – a design featuring wood
3. ANTIQUE
4. WATER – a design including water
5. MINIATURE – a design with maximum dimensions no more than 5” in any direction including the container, base and/or accessories
6. KITCHEN UTENSIL
7. GREENS – use your imagination

Houseplant Classes: Pots must not exceed 10 inches unless otherwise specified.

1. AFRICAN VIOLET – standard, in bloom, one crown, any colour
2. BEGONIA – large or fancy leaf
3. COLEUS - 1 plant
4. CACTI OR SUCCULENT – 1 plant
5. COLLECTION OF 3 INDIVIDUAL CACTI &/OR SUCCULENTS - displayed individually in/on a container of your choice
6. FERN – 1 pot
7. STREPTOCARPUS
8. IVY
9. ORCHID – 1 plant, in bloom
10. DISH GARDEN – a miniature landscape in an open shallow container. Plants should have similar cultivar requirements. May include accessories to scale. Container not to exceed 15” in diameter.
11. ANY OTHER HOUSEPLANT NOT LISTED – blooming, named
12. ANY OTHER HOUSEPLANT NOT LISTED – foliage type, named

Post Secondary Education Bursary: \$1000 is offered annually to encourage study in horticulture, forestry, environmental studies, or related disciplines.

School Grants: \$100 is offered annually to local area schools to encourage students to engage in hands on gardening activities.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

October 22, 2024

Center for Active Living, 54 Dominion Street

Rules & Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the BHS. Memberships available at the door for \$20.00.
2. **Entries must be submitted between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., on October 22 and remain until the end of meeting.**
3. Exhibitors may only enter one (1) entry in each category.
4. Exhibits must be taken by the exhibitor.
5. Photographs must be 5" x 7" or 4" x 6" and **MOUNTED INDIVIDUALLY ON A FIRM SHEET WITH 1/2" BORDERS ALL THE WAY AROUND.**
6. Digital photos may be entered – no enhancement permitted.
7. Entry tags must be securely attached to the bottom of the sheet.
8. First, Second, & Third will be awarded at the discretion of the Judge.

Prizes & Awards:

1. Prizes – 1st place - \$3.00 2nd place - \$2.00 3rd place - \$1.00
2. Award - Best Photo of the Show \$5.00
3. Special Award of \$10.00 for the collage

Photography Classes:

1. THERE IS A FUNGUS AMONG US – picture showing lichen, moss or mushrooms
2. TOOLS OF THE TRADE
3. BEES, BUGS OR BUTTERFLIES
4. HEADGEAR
5. A PICTURE SHOWING A BRACEBRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITY
6. GARDEN CRITTERS
7. PILES OF THINGS
8. RAINDROPS ON FLOWERS
9. SPECIAL: "CHANGE OF SEASON" - a collage featuring our 4 seasons. This must be displayed on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper. Prize \$10.00 for this category only.

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Garden Trends 2024: 1. Make spaces more sustainable and pollinator friendly by planting native species. 2. Sensory gardens that help stimulate all 5 senses, connect us with nature, thus reducing stress. 3. Adopt a gardening style that improves biodiversity.

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