



JULY THYMES 2024

THE PARIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, founded in 1986, an approachable garden club. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, from September to June, at the Paris Fairgrounds. Refreshments are served at 7:00 pm and following the meeting; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Co-presidents: Carol Reansbury rboos3918@rogers.com 519-442-3918

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Past Co-Presidents: Nancy Burkholder and Edith Stone. Treasurer: Dorothy Lanyi Secretary: David Collins

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024. ANNUAL EXCURSION: CREEK VIEW ACRES

400 Johnston Rd, Brantford Please arrive by 6:30 pm

Snacks will be provided by Edith Stone and Nancy Burkholder

It is about a 20-minute trip from downtown Paris. Apparently, there is some construction with evening closures on 403 entrances at Paris Road and King George.

Our hosts will be putting out markers to indicate where to make the turns.

Professionally grown nursery stock; fruit trees, shrubs and perennials, new and unique.

If you have mobility issues when parking, a staff person will move any pylons for you to park closer.

COMPETITIONS WINNERS

Class 1: Tall Bearded Iris. Any colour.

1st: Pat Hasler-Watts. 2nd; Edith Stone. 3rd; Bob Hasler.

Class 2: Bouquet: All one kind or mixed variety.

Grown from your own garden.

1st; Brenda Hunt. 2nd: Carol Reansbury.

3rd; Patti Gladding.

Flowering Branch
by Maureen Little



Class 3: Peony: single, any colour, one bloom.

Class 3A: A Single Peony; 1st; Bob Hasler. 2nd; Brenda Hunt. 3rd; Pat Hasler-Watts.

Class 3 B: A Peony double: 1st; Maureen Little. 2nd, Sarah Jean Green.

Class 4: Flowering branch under 24 inches. 1st; Maureen Little.

A total of 8 members entered the competition and all 8 received a ribbon.

There will be another competition in October.

Thank you to Nancy Burkholder and Anne Wibberlay for organizing the event.



Bouquet by Brenda Hunt



NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to new members:

Liz Hopkins, Paris

Trisha Cressman, Paris

Anne Marie Brown, Brantford

CORRECTION:

In last month's Thymes in the report on the AGM in Caledonia, it was reported that the District would no longer be accepting E-Transfers. This is incorrect. Bob Heil, treasurer and ADD announced the District can no longer "do" any E-Transfers. This is because 2 signatures are required on everything. The District can and will accept E-Transfers.

LIBRARY: Our speaker, Jim Mabee, a flower judge, gave us many hints for entering flower competitions. The rules are in the OHA Judging and Exhibition Standards for Horticultural and Design book which is available from our library. It can also be purchased online.

Our librarian, Deb Vickers recommended an Instagram site called "You Can Do It Gardening" hosted by Jess Zander. Very simple and down to earth practical advice. Search Instagram for "Jess Zander".

GARDEN TOUR: There were 211 tickets sold. About 120 visitors toured the gardens on Saturday and in spite of the rain there were about 60 visitors on Sunday. The draw prize was won by Harold Riddle of Wilsonville and he and wife Bonnie were delighted with the basket.

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DRAW TABLE: The big beautiful begonia was won by Nancy Burkholder. Edith Buck won the daisy plant, cards went to Donna Wilson and trees donated by Jim Maybee went to Denise Hamill, Edith Buck, Bob Hasler and Maureen Little.

SHARE THE WEALTH: Anne Wibberlay won the \$18.50

GARDENING: It grounds us ... gets us out of our busy heads and back into our bodies. Alone there on our knees, we can breathe. With our nurturing hands duly occupied, while gardening, we allow ourselves the time and space to truly feel peace, pride, satisfaction and joy.

GARDEN TOUR 2024

The gardens were all beautiful and unique. We so appreciate all the efforts that our host gardeners put into preparing their gardens for the tour. Strolling around and being able to hear music and or watch a painting come to life is an added bonus.

There were members sitting at each garden to greet our visitors and some hosts were on hand to answer any questions. Some even offered drinks or snacks ... how welcoming.



We had visitors from Mississauga, Hamilton, Guelph and Kitchener Waterloo area. Some visiting for the first time and for others it is an annual event.





Photo by Kim Hutton

The rain on Sunday kept the numbers down but the hardy gardeners turned up with their umbrellas and sunny smiles.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

A Tulip tree has been planted at King Ward Park. The county had requested the type of tree.

At the Watt's Pond Road Garden where the Pollinator Garden is there is a very large open space. The county has planted several trees in that location and plan to plant more.

CUCUMBER TREE PARIS



Harold Edgar and Doug Hanna with the Cucumber trees, photo by Dave Collins

About 10 – 15 years ago, Society members were invited to view a Cucumber tree on Washington Street that was in danger due to its proximity to new home construction. At that time Harold and Mary Ellen Edgar were PHS Co-Presidents. Harold gathered some slips that were growing nearby and planted them on their property. He planted them very close to a larger tree to avoid running over the seedlings with the lawn mower. The seedlings have survived and grown. They needed to be moved due to their proximity to the larger tree.

Dave Collins and Doug Hanna were able to dig up the new saplings and they have been given to the county for planting in a suitable spot. **BUT** just before I was finalizing this newsletter, I found out that the trees were not cucumber trees but Ash trees. How disappointing.

The Cucumber tree is named for the resemblance of its fruit to the cucumber. It is the only native Magnolia species occurring in Canada. It is listed as endangered due to deforestation and loss of habitat. Threatened by forest clearing, its populations here in Ontario are isolated, making cross pollination and seed dispersal difficult.

Thank you to Harold, Dave and Doug for digging up the trees. They are now all refreshing their knowledge on how to recognize a Cucumber Tree.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 12 – 14th, 2024: OHA 116th Convention. Delta Hotels Conference Centre, Guelph. Search gardenontario.org/convention for all the information. There are schedules for the competitions in flowers, art, publications, youth, photography & creative writing.

August 7th, 2024: MYSTERY TOUR. More information to follow.

September 8th, 2024: Royal Botanical Gardens. More details closer to date.

September 21st, 2024: Adopt a Road, meet at the fairgrounds

March, 2026: District 6 Spring Breakfast Meeting, hosted by Paris Horticultural Society.

"Gardening adds life to your years and years to your life"

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REMOVING POLLEN FROM YOUR CLOTHING

(from Brantford Garden Club, the Daffodil, June 2020)

In the heart of their flowers, lilies have large anthers covered with dusty reddish gold pollen that can stick on and stain clothing, tablecloths and upholstery. Some people clip the anthers from the flower for this reason. Others think this makes the flower look unnatural and prefer to leave the anthers and deal with the pollen. If treated quickly and correctly, wayward pollen is quite easy to remove.

1. Do not brush the pollen off fabric with your hands; oils from your skin will set the stain.
2. Also, do not dab with water or a moistened cloth; this will spread and set the stain.
3. Let the pollen “dry”, then carefully brush it away with a dry, soft brush or facial tissue.
4. Sticky tape also works well; gently dab pieces of tape on the cloth until the pollen is gone.
5. If some pollen remains after completing these procedures, place the item in direct sunlight for a few hours; the stain should “magically” disappear.

PHS MEMBER INFORMATION

WALTER'S GREENHOUSE DISCOUNT: Members of PHS are allowed a 20% discount on Tuesdays at Walters. This is only on regular priced items and you must show your membership card.

PARIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AND THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

We enjoy a membership at the RBG.

If you are wanting to go you can contact Dave Collins for our free pass.

Call 519-442-6495 or email at dcollins55@bell.net

WHERE TO FIND PHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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www.gardenontario.org Look for updated awards book for Technical Achievement and the updated and expanded Paris Hort. Society page.

or on Facebook as Paris Horticultural Society

PHOTOS IN OUR NEWSLETTER/FACEBOOK

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Submissions are welcome and must be in by the third Wednesday of the month.

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