



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

To add your name to our Speaker's List on gardenontario.org please fill in the following form and email to:

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Name: Jeanne

McRight

Biography:

Jeanne is a certified horticulturist, Master Gardener and serves on the Board of Directors of the Cloverleaf Garden Club. She is the founder and president of Blooming Boulevards, a not for profit organization that increases pollinator habitat by planting wildflower gardens on city boulevards. Throughout her 50 years of gardening experience, she has focused on environmental conservation, specializing in native plants, woodland restoration and naturalized landscaping. She frequently does presentations and workshops on gardening topics for horticultural groups, garden clubs and public events such as Canada Blooms.

She is the recipient of two Awards of Merit from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, served for 2 years on Mississauga Cooksville Creek Task Force and in 2015 initiated an amendment to Mississauga's Encroachment By-Law, allowing residents to create pollinator gardens on their sidewalk boulevard strip.

Gardening is Jeanne's joy and passion, but more than that, she is a deeply committed advocate for environmentally sustainable horticultural practices.

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Please list the District & Society you belong to:

Society: The Cloverleaf Garden Club

District:

Districts Served

Please select all the Districts that you would travel to:

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Topic List

For each entry, please list a topic from the list below, a title and a brief description noting any costs, restrictions, i.e. time of year, and any other special requirements.

Choose a TOPIC from the following:

- Bulbs/Tuber
- Environment
- Floral Design
- Fungi
- Gardening
- Herbs
- Houseplants
- Native Plants
- Pollinators
- Propagating
- Pruning
- Vegetables

Topic	Title	Description
Pollinators	Blooming Boulevards	Description: Pollinators need networked habitat pathways in order to survive in urban area. City boulevards are the perfect “up close and personal” place for wildflower gardens. Learn how to choose easy-care, drought- and salt-tolerant native plants that not only beautify your neighbourhood but also support bees and butterflies for all to enjoy!
Native Plants	Woodland gardens	Description: Getting tired of hostas? Learn how how to select and plant native shade-loving plants to naturalize your garden under trees, including challenging woodland areas such as slopes and ravines.
Propagating	Native Seed Saving 101	Time of year: late summer. Description: It's easy! Collecting and saving seeds is rewarding and knowing the source of your native plant "babies" is interesting. Find out what to look for, when to collect, and how to store the seeds. Participants will learn to identify seed heads of common native plants by walking through a native plant garden. They will be instructed in conservation practices and safe, properly-timed collection of the seed and will be able to collect small samples for practice. Labeling, cleaning and storage will also be covered, as well as avoiding problems such as insects and mildew.
Environment	Understanding your Soil	Time of Year: Spring, summer, fall. Description: Learn about your soil's health and how it helps keep your plants thriving. Includes a DIY soil texture test demo! There are many factors that contribute to healthy soil. This workshop will teach you about the different mineral and organic soil types, and how both of them are important to soil health. Soil texture and structure will be explored, as well as the various microscopic lifeforms that thrive in healthy soils and how they contribute to nutrient exchange and transformation.

Design	Designing a Pollinator Garden	<p>Time of year: Spring, early summer.</p> <p>Description: Participants will learn to assess site conditions and choose plant material according to pollinator needs: (bloom time, flower shape) and plant needs (light, moisture, pH, drainage and exposure). The challenges of specific sites (like boulevards) will be discussed. Colour, composition and plant growth habits will be covered. Students will design their garden layout using native pollinator plants, in preparation for preparing a City permit application. Worksheets and supplies provided.</p>

Files to add to listing:

Please send any pdf documents to market your topics/workshops including the audio/visual requirements form so our societies know what equipment/services are required.

Sorry, I just have jpgs and Powerpoints.

For all workshops, I bring my own projector and laptop. I will need an extension cord of appropriate length and a screen.

Authorization & Release

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Signature: Jeanne McRight

Date: Sept. 27, 2019