

The Garden View

WINTER, 2019-20

District 9 Fall Forum in Dunnville



Photo by Laura Masterson

Above: One of the entries in the photo competition at the Fall Forum in the category "Working Wildlife."

There were many smiles and happy faces as several of our members attended the District 9 Fall Forum and Presidents' Meeting in Dunnville on September 27. The guest speaker was Kevin Kavanagh, South Coast Gardens with "The Evolving Garden: Selection of Native Plants for Long-term Success" as his topic.

The day was enjoyed by all with the fun atmosphere, lovely lunch and many door prizes.

Helen Scutt from OMAFRA was a special guest at the Presidents' Meeting.

Left: Lois LaCroix, Co-president of Pelham Garden Club holds The Eloise Schumacher Award trophy for attendance which was again proudly won by the Pelham Garden Club at the Fall Forum.



Photo by Heather Carter

Monthly Meetings

Usually 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Pelham Public Library, Fonthill Branch, 4th Monday of the Month

January 20, General Meeting (3rd Monday)

Paula Berketo, Principle Landscape Architect, Ministry of Transportation: Explore basic design principles for good landscapes and learn how they can apply to your garden at home.

February 24, General Meeting

March 21, Niagara North Seedy Saturday

St. George's Anglican Church
83 Church St., St. Catharines
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. See back page.

March 23, General Meeting

The position of Editor of the "Trillium", newsletter of the OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association)

is now Laura Masterson of Pelham Garden Club.

The quarterly publication is available through subscription and online at

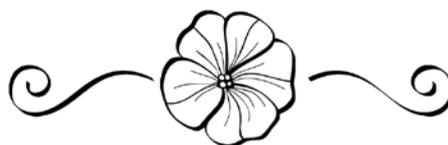
www.gardenontario.org

A REMINDER THAT OUR MEETINGS ARE SCENT-FREE

Please refrain from wearing strong perfumes, body sprays, etc., as some members are sensitive and our meetings are in close quarters.



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT 9





*Sandra Cruzó, recipient of the
Town of Pelham Volunteer
Recognition Peer Award*

SANDRA CRUZÓ PEER AWARD

Pelham Garden Club 2019

From the time Sandra joined the Pelham Garden Club, she has been an involved and enthusiastic member. Sandra has contributed her time, ideas and skills to ensure that our club is a welcoming and enjoyable environment in which to volunteer. Over the years, she has served on our Board as Vice President and as a Director. Her most outstanding achievements have included opening her home and gardens for the Garden Walk after-party for the last eight years, raising the bar by incorporating a fund-raising element. In addition, for the last three years she has helped to spearhead the annual Flower and Vegetable Show. As a Pelham Garden Club member, Sandra is recognized, not only for her volunteer work, but also for the creativity, energy and generosity she brings to the club. We are happy to honour her with this award.

Trish Rybski

A TRIBUTE TO OUR

Pelham Garden Club Members

As outgoing co-president, having enjoyed a wonderful four years in the position, Laura suggested that I write a short column for the Fall issue of *The Garden View*... so I quickly accepted!

I feel that we have an amazing membership within the garden club. I have NEVER in my forty-five years in management positions for business organizations and volunteer activities, experienced the level of support, camaraderie and creative thinking that you all demonstrate. Assuming a significant responsibility in volunteer work can be a challenge in terms of time and effort but the rewards are many as you may realize.

As a relative newcomer to the area, becoming a member of the Pelham Horticultural Society exposed me to a terrific group of friendly, interesting people. When Maria McMillan asked that I take on the role as President, the answer was “not unless I have a co-pres”. Hence, Maria arm-wrestled Carol Empacher to agree. What a crazy partnership and what fun! I think the bantering between Carol and I lightened up the meetings. Now, Lois LaCroix, our co-president of 2019, has created her own warm, enticing environment that is drawing new members.

Initial administrative efforts in 2016 included changing our club name to *Pelham Garden Club* to create a friendlier environment for prospective members. We created job descriptions for Board positions to simplifying responsibilities for new members. Our Board is now much larger than in the past. All Board members must accept the responsibility to be a co-ordinator for one or more activities of their choice. This has been very successful and has contributed to expanding our membership and image in the Pelham community. Examples are the Home and Garden Show and the Fonthill Library’s beautiful enhanced gardens plus many requests for assistance with community education programs.

I hope that my message will encourage you to continue to support new members and new club initiatives. Please stay involved because the more you give the more you get... I know I did!!

Looking forward to another super year with the PGC!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Jaques". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Barbara Jaques

HOPS TO IT...



A few short years ago, this scene was new to Niagara and I was one of those who wondered what was growing here. With the popularity of Ontario's craft brewing industry, the growing of hops was a natural crop to grow nearby. Although beer-making (flavouring, stability and aroma) is not the only use for hops, it is the most widely known.

Hops is a hardy perennial that grows from a rhizome that, once established, will last many years with the proper conditions. Hops plants grow towards the sun in a vine called a "bine" and needs a trellis or an erect structure 6-15 ft. tall. The plant produces cones which are harvested in the fall for use in beer.

These photos were taken locally – notice the grapes in the background. I was glad to have my camera handy the day of the harvest.

Laura Masterson





Who would have thought that there would be strawberries (and flowers) two days before Halloween? I took this photo Oct. 28. *by Trish Rybski*

MASTER GARDENERS OF NIAGARA
presents

NIAGARA NORTH SEEDY SATURDAY

March 21, 2020
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. George's Anglican Church
83 Church Street • St. Catharines

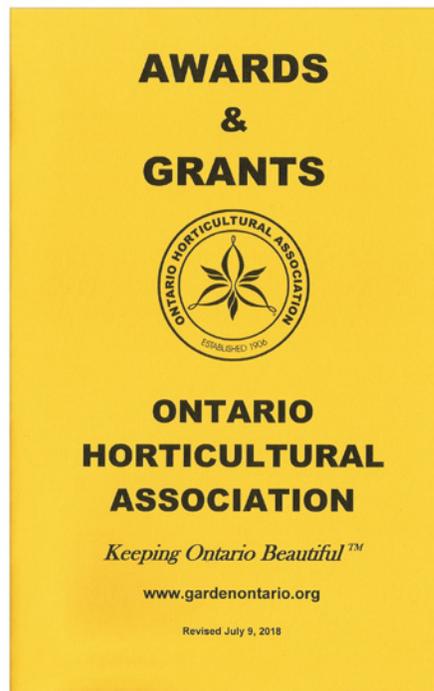
FREE ADMISSION
Non-perishable food items appreciated
Bring non-GMO, open-pollinated seeds to exchange

- A host of topical speakers am & pm
- Raffle sponsored by Stokes Seeds
- Master Gardeners' advice clinic
- Children's hands-on activities
- Vendors Marketplace
- Organic snacks & beverage for purchase
- Free parking in the rear

<https://niagamastergardeners.wordpress.com/>
e-mail: NiagaraNorthSeedySaturday@gmail.com

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Submitted by Sue Lusted,
Secretary, District 9



OHA PUBLICATIONS

For those who are interested in entering Floral Competitions, see the new *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards (OJES) for Floral Design and Horticulture*. This book also includes "How to Organize a Floral Design and Horticultural Show." There were a few copies for sale at the Fall Forum in Dunnville.

Other helpful booklets, including "Awards & Grants" and "General Guide for Horticultural Society Officers" were also at the Fall Forum and are available through the OHA at www.gardenontario.org.

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For more information and updates, visit: www.gardenontario.org. Contact Amber Cuthbertson at AMcuthbertson@hotmail.com to send photos and information for our website.

To send news items and pictures for the next issue, please contact Laura Masterson by March 13, 2020