

Dear Fellow Gardeners

Summer: There certainly was lots of sun during the summer of Covid-19. As long as you were able to rest during the heat of the day, gardening was enjoyable in the morning and late afternoon. Now, it's time to harvest all the wonderful vegetables and flowers you watered, and watered and watered.

Activities: Club members were able to visit from an appropriate distance **in August at the Club Gathering at the Tuttle's**. Fortunately we had great weather so we could enjoy a lovely dinner in a marvellous garden overlooking the Lake. Our thanks to **Bonnie and Ron** for hosting this very enjoyable event.

A new idea for the club: Anthea suggested that we hold **a series of casual garden visits** – one per week for two hours. So, in August and September, we were able to visit the unique and interesting gardens of Anne Shields, Beverley Batchellor, Yvonne Lane, Marian Jean(Oakridge Dahlias), Victoria Terry, and Paulette Mouzer. On Monday, October 5th Mary Adamson and Marg Merrill, who live near each other, will open their gardens. This has proven to be a very popular event that will likely be repeated.

What's Next: Our **October** meeting has been **cancelled**.

Flower and Photography Shows:

Flower Shows are cancelled for the time being.

However we are looking into holding **the photography show virtually**. You will receive details as soon as possible. In the meantime, we suggest you review the list on page 20 and be prepared to submit entries for Class C.

Next Steps: At the request of the municipality and the Ruth Clarke Centre we submitted our plan for future meetings. We have received approval which is subject to changes at any time as required by the province, the municipality or the public health unit. **You will be asked to provide your opinion by completing a survey, prior to any club decision.**

Masks: We have received a directive from the district health unit outlining requirements for the use of masks. Details are on their website. For anyone not able to wear a mask, the following applies. No one is required to disclose the medical condition or reason why they are exempt. All a person needs to say is: **"I AM NOT ABLE TO WEAR A MASK."**

These contain interesting gardening information: The Etobicoke Horticultural Society; Trowel Talk at www.mgottawa.ca/; Seeds of Diversity; Gardenmaking; Fine Gardening re The Chelsea Chop.