

Midland Garden Club

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The executive of the Midland Garden Club has decided to start holding meetings on Zoom in 2021. We can access Zoom through the District 16 membership. Liz and Kay will be attending a virtual training session on November 9th 2020. We will be sending out email and Facebook messages once we are up and running and have a confirmed slate of speakers. We are hoping to have some of the original speakers from this year, who had to be cancelled due to the corona virus shut down.

Many thanks to Sally and Jim Sinclair for their many years of service tallying the points from the Flower Shows.
Thank you to Peggy Wallace for coming forward to take over the task from the Sinclair's.

- **The NSSRC is only allowing ice time use at present. We are not sure when we will be able to resume regular meetings, but will let the membership know as soon as we know.**

The grace period for memberships has been extended until September 2021.



- **Note: The Midland Town docks were featured on Landscape Artist of the Year Canada, a TV show on MAKEFUL.**

Purchase your seeds for next year's garden now! (But be aware that you may be purchasing 2019 seeds)

Many people had trouble purchasing seeds for their gardens this year due to shortages of certain varieties. Although many people enjoy pouring over colourful seed catalogues during the dark days of January and February, it is my humble advice, that you order your seeds now to avoid disappointment. I ordered my seeds for next year last month, and was able to get everything that I ordered. If the Covid 19 is still around next summer, more people may be gardening: perhaps more than this year!

Here are some seed companies to consider:

Ontario Seed Company

Vesey's Seeds

McKenzie Seeds

William Dam Seed Company

Floribunda seeds. Family owned and specializing in heirloom seeds



Seeds for Next Year's Garden From This Year's Garden

This is the time of year to harvest your own seeds for next year's garden. This time honored task can be fun and satisfying. Here are some plants that are really easy for first timers:

Marigold

Zinnia

Cleome

Cosmos

Sunflowers

Beans

Pumpkin

Squash

Harvest the seeds on a dry day and store them in a cool dry place. Make sure you have seeds from a mature seed head for flowers or a large vegetable.

Make sure the seeds are dry before storing.

***Note:** I store my seeds in paper envelopes.

