

Biography (OHA) – Ron Lewis, 2020 12 16

Description of qualifications, skills, and/or experience (box on page 1 of form):

1) An organic vegetable gardener for several decades, Ron loves to learn and to pass on his gardening knowledge to others. He has given literally hundreds of tours of his backyard garden and presents slide shows and workshops several times a year. (Imagine how exciting it would be to encounter a giant pumpkin, of 500, 600, or 700 pounds or more, that he has grown in his backyard.)

2) A fruit-growing enthusiast, fruiting plants that Ron has obtained from the prairies over the years not only shrug off the northern Ontario winters, but produce big crops of excellent quality fruit. So having learned how to do that, Ron, for over thirty years, ran a tiny, backyard nursery business selling prairie varieties of fruit trees, and fruiting shrubs, bushes and vines. Ron was always proud to point out that he could not be persuaded to sell anything he did not have complete confidence in, and so he has gained a reputation of being trustworthy as well as knowledgeable on the subject. With this experience, Ron is a popular presenter on growing fruits; topics ranging from variety selection, to soil and site preparation, to planting, to pruning and grafting, as well as harvesting.

Topic List (table on page 2 of form)

Categories:

- Gardening
- Pollinators
- Propagating
- Pruning
- Vegetables

TOPIC	TITLE	DETAIL	OPTIONS
Vegetable Gardening	- Tending a Six-Month Organic Vegetable Garden - Growing Giant Pumpkins		Zoom / In person
Fruit Growing (including pollinators, propagation, pruning & training, grafting)	- Growing Hardy Fruit Plants in a Northern Garden		Zoom / In person

Ron Lewis (District 13)