

Collingwood Horticultural Society and Garden Club

In 1882 a group of local merchants came together to establish the Collingwood Horticultural Society in support of the Great Northern Exhibition fall fair. In 1911, the society was subsequently taken over by the Agricultural Society. The CHS was revived in 1933, and continued to do its good work until World War II. In 1972 the Society was once again revived and has met regularly ever since.

Our Garden Club is a non-profit entity, actively involved in promoting civic beautification throughout the community, managing all aspects of the beautiful Collingwood Arboretum and holding monthly meetings with speakers. We also hold an annual plant sale and organize other events including day trips and workshops for members and the community. Our members meet at 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of every month (with some exceptions) at Trinity United Church, 140 Maple Street, Collingwood.

For more information about The Collingwood Garden Club please e-mail us. collingwoodgardenclub2015@gmail.com



**The
Collingwood Arboretum
2022**



Established on the shores of Georgian Bay, the Collingwood Arboretum was originally the site of a mid-19th Century steam powered sawmill and by the mid-twentieth century, became a disused landfill site. In 1997 members of The Collingwood Horticultural Society had the vision to transform the site into, not only a green space for learning about the importance of trees but also a quiet place for the community to enjoy. With support from the Town of Collingwood and generous donations from club members and the community their vision became a reality.

Since 1997, The Collingwood Horticultural Society has worked to plant, maintain and cherish this 5-acre gem. Focussing on trees that are indigenous to North America, the garden club has planted and dedicated over 180 trees that represent more that 75 species. A pergola with a friendship garden, benches and paths were constructed so the Arboretum could be enjoyed by everyone. Currently, the club is working, not only regenerate existing plantings but also add new garden beds to showcase more native shrubs and pollinator plants.

Access to the Arboretum Parking Area is on Hickory Street, north of First Street or by walking west along the path system from Harbourview Park.