



The October Thymes, 2022

THE PARIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, founded in 1986, an approachable garden club. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month from September to June at the Paris Fairgrounds. Refreshments are served at 7:00 pm and following the meeting; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Co-presidents: Carol Reansbury rboos3918@rogers.com 519-442-3918

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Past Co-Presidents: Nancy Burkholder and Edith Stone Treasurer: Dorothy Lanyi

Secretary: David Collins



"Fall is not the end of the gardening year; it is the start of next year's growing season. The mulch you lay down will protect your perennial plants during the winter and feed the soil as it decays, while the cleaned up flower bed will give you a head start on either planting seeds or setting out small plants." Thalassa Cruso

Welcome to bittersweet October, mellow, messy, leaf kicking time. September offered a great turnout for our guest speaker Jeanne McRight, Master Gardener, who offered many insightful ideas on designing a native pollinator garden. What a wonderful time to renew old friendships and create new friendships with fellow gardeners!

See you soon, Patti Gladding, Co-President

OCTOBER MEETING. Wed., October 5th, 2022. Social at 7:00 pm Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm



Edith Stone and Elaine Sywyk chat over the snacks.

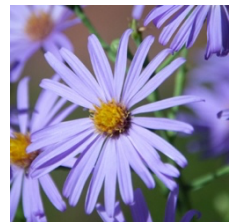
Sharon and John Bowler of Grimsby will be joining us via Zoom
Accessible Gardening with Big Ideas in Mind

Snacks will be provided in October by
Patti Gladding and Anne Vernon

*Thank you to Elaine Sywyk and Margaret Collins
for the September snacks.*

October Competitions 2022 (November competitions listed on last page)

1. "Horn of Plenty" -an arrangement using a horn of plenty
2. An aster or mum -one bloom
3. Last flower of summer -one bloom
4. "All Decked Out" -a photo of a house or building decorated for autumn



Native, Smooth Blue Aster

OCTOBER COMPETITION WINNERS

1. Indian summer: 1st, Anne Vernon.
2. Hydrangea: I bloom: 1st Bob Hasler.
3. A vase of flowers from your garden: 1st, a tie, Anne Vernon and Pattie Gladding. 2nd Brenda Hunt.
4. Your Best vegetable: 1st, Brenda Hunt.

Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the winners.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Jeanne McRight spoke to us about Blooming Boulevards. This program is popular in Mississauga where she lives. In the 4 years since they started this program, over 200 gardens have used their boulevards to plant native species to attract bees, birds and butterflies. PHS has a committee attempting to get this approved for Paris but the progress is very slow so far. Perhaps when your councillor comes knocking at your door for your vote you could mention this.

If you look up "*Blooming Boulevards*" you will find lots of information. The workshops are finished for the year but mark your calendars to get on board in the spring.

A good source for lists of plants and how to plan your new garden can be found at bloomingboulevards.org/services-7



Guest and new member Patrice getting acquainted.

SHARE THE WEALTH: the \$11.50 was won by Nancy Slusarczyk.

DRAW: Also won by Nancy Slusarczyk.

LIBRARY: We have a new book in the library called: *A Garden for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee. Creating Habitat for Native Pollinators. Ontario & great Lakes Edition* by Lorraine Johnson & Sheila Colla. *It has already been read by our Community Garden directors and plans are underway to increase pollinator plants in our community gardens.*

We welcomed a new member and a guest. New member Patrice Sutherland has moved to Paris, recently from Hamilton.



Nancy Slusarczyk with her winning draw prize.

COMMUNITY GARDENS: Many thanks to Doug Hanna and Dave Collins for keeping a close eye on the condition of the gardens. They are in good shape due to Dave doing quick clean ups now and then. The Garden of Hope is unavailable right now due to the construction. We are purchasing a bench for the Kings Ward Park, with a plaque noting our involvement.

APOPT A ROAD: Saturday, October 1st. Please meet at the fairgrounds at 9:00 am.

RBG MEMBERSHIP

Our membership to the Royal Botanical Gardens is up to date.
It you wish to visit the gardens please contact Dave Collins for the free pass
dcollins55@bell.net or call 519-442-6495

TOFFEE CRUNCH BLONDIES (these were one of the snacks that were popular at the last meeting)

INGREDIENTS:

½ cup	butter, softened
1 cup	packed brown sugar
2	eggs
2 cups	all-purpose flour
1 tsp	baking powder
½ tsp	baking soda
¼ tsp	salt
1 pkg	Skor toffee bits
1 cup	semi sweet choc chips (optional)

METHOD:

Beat butter and brown sugar then add egg and continue to beat until well blended.
Mix dry ingredients together and stir into to blended mixture.
Add 1 cup toffee bits and chocolate chips.
Spread evenly into a greased 13" x 9" pan. Bake at 350' for 23 – 28 minutes or until golden brown.
Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle evenly with remaining toffee bits. Cool and cut into bars. Makes 36.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

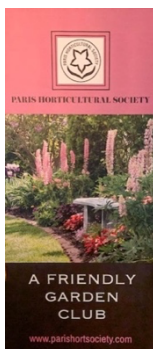
YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022: the colour for 2022 will be **RED**. For more information and activities, search gardenscanada.ca/year-of-the-garden/. OHA Convention 2022 will be a virtual meeting. More info to follow. The 2023 and 2024 conventions will be in Ottawa and Guelph respectively.

November 12th, 2022: District 6 Fall dinner. Hosted by Haldimand.
At the Caledonia Lions Community Centre, 100 Haddington St., Caledonia.
Doors open at 500 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm followed by speaker Paul Knowles

December 7th, 2022: PHS Annual Christmas Dinner. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. Dinner will be prepared by the Homecraft division of the Paris Agricultural and served buffet style. Entertainment will be performed by Meghan Edgar.

COMPETITIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2nd, 2022

1. "Platinum Jubilee" -an arrangement celebrating the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II -accessories allowed
2. An African violet with or without flowers that has been in your possession for at least 3 months
3. A houseplant grown for foliage that has been in your possession for at least 3 months
4. "Remembering" a photo your summer garden



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