

Bracebridge Horticultural Society

Growing Since 1932

2023 Yearbook



Bracebridge Horticultural Society

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Sow Seed Generously

One for the rook, one for the crow

One to die and one to grow

Pests

A member of the panel of the BBCs Gardeners' Question Time programme, speaking of identifying small creatures in the garden, said that as a lad he was told: 'If it moves slowly enough, step on it; if it doesn't, leave it – it'll probably kill something else.'

Committees for 2023

Advertising & Publicity: Thelma Marrin, Donna Wallace, Kate Ruttan & Karen Boyer

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Facebook & OHA site: Sharon Hill & Trudy Killin

Flower Shows: Sharon Slater, Sharon Davis, Sharon Hill & Ruth Scholey

Front Yard Garden Recognition: Ken Turner, Carol Turner & Ruth Scholey

Fundraising: All Members, Family & Friends

Garden Captains: Millennium –

Library – Jan Larsen Rotary – Stephanie Lehman

Centre for Active Living – Carol Cairns & Stephen Cairns

Kitchen: Ruth Scholey, Verla Hammond & Judy Berry

Membership: Donna Wallace

Program 2023: Kathy Dyer

Share The Wealth:

Workshops:

Yearbook 2023: Karen Boyer & Kathy Dyer

Youth: Volunteer(s) Needed

Bracebridge Horticultural Society Bursary



BHS encourages young people to successfully complete a formal education in horticulture, forestry, environmental studies or a related discipline. The Society demonstrates commitment to this goal by offering a bursary in the amount of \$1000. Application forms are available at BMLSS, St. Dominic CSS and from BHS.

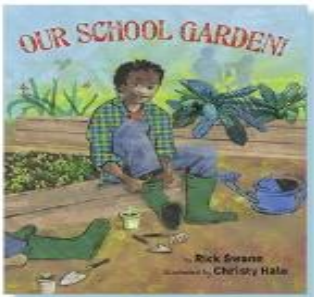
Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Yard

Hummingbirds are in our area from late April to mid-October. Your flowering plants will help attract hummers to your yard, while your sugar-water feeders will provide a steady source of nectar and bring the birds into your view.

A combination of annuals, perennials and vines are recommended for planting: such as, cardinal flower, columbine, beebalm and honeysuckle vine.

Hummingbird Nectar Recipe: 1 part table sugar to 4 parts water. Replace with fresh nectar every 3 – 5 days, more often in hot weather. Clean feeder with hot water before each refill. You can make a large quantity by boiling the mixture, then bottling and refrigerating. Adding red food colour or commercial nectars is not recommended.

School & Community Gardens Grants



BHS offers an annual grant of \$100 to 11 elementary and secondary schools in the Bracebridge area. Funds were used to build garden beds, purchase soil, seeds, containers, trees, native plants to attract birds and bees, and milkweed to attract butterflies. Students learn about growing vegetables, experience the magic of watching tiny seeds develop into plants, witness birds and insects feeding on the flowers they planted, and so much more. Students use math skills to compare seed growth and even use the letter offering the grant to practice persuasive writing.

Volunteer Hours

In 2022, members of BHS contributed **1682 hours** to growing and beautifying Bracebridge!

Volunteers Always Welcome

- ✓ Garden preparation, planting & maintenance
- ✓ Summer flower show
- ✓ Seedy Saturday
- ✓ Plant, bake & yard sale
- ✓ Muskoka Earth Festival
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Youth liaison
- ✓ Join the executive
- ✓ Contribute to website & Facebook
- ✓ Suggest General Meeting speakers



Public Gardens

BHS contributes to the beautification of Bracebridge by maintaining public gardens. Contact a Garden Captain to be part of the fun.

1. Bracebridge Public Library, Manitoba Street
2. Millennium Garden, Ecclestone Drive
3. BHS Garden within the Rotary Gardens, Taylor Road & Pine Street
4. Centre for Active Living, Dominion Street

Free Little Library

Take a Gardening Book, Leave a Gardening Book at the Millennium Garden, Ecclestone Drive.

Guerilla Gardening

Any act of gardening undertaken in a public space with no permission. It can also mean the beautification of a neglected space from an apartment balcony to a patch beside a building. Suggestions: Plant hardy perennials such as Black Eyed Susan that flourish in sun. Colours and fragrance of flowers such as Monarda attract pollinators. Herbs and vegetables such as rosemary, sage and parsley add sensory layers with their subtle fragrance and textural foliage, and can be planted in small containers. Sow self-seeding dill weed in cracks in pavement.

2023 General Meeting Programs, Workshops & Dates of Interest

General Meetings are held at the Centre for Active Living, 54 Dominion Street at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments & social time after the meeting.

February 14 - Executive Meeting

February 28 - General Meeting: ***Planting Native – Laura Thomas of Muskoka Conservancy & Hidden Habitat***

March 14 - Executive Meeting

March 25 – ***Earth Hour 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.***

March 28 - General Meeting: ***Vegetable Seed Starting Information & Workshop – Sharon Davis & Donna Wallace***

April 11 – Executive Meeting

April 22 – ***Earth Day – Garden Clean Up***

April 25 - General Meeting: ***Garden Walk in Beautiful Buffalo – Peter Wood***

May 06 – D18 Annual General Meeting, Parry Sound

May 09 – Executive Meeting

May 23- General Meeting: ***Introduction to Bees - Mark Speller & Joanne Kempton of Muskoka Craft Honey***

May 27 – ***Muskoka Earth Festival, Bracebridge Fair Grounds***

June 04 – ***Plant/Yard/Bake Sale, Train Station***

June 13 – Executive Meeting

June 15 – July 15 – ***Front Yard Garden Recognition Contest***

June, July, August – ***Tours of Members' Gardens***

June 27 – General Meeting: ***Strategies for Managing a Large Garden on Your Own – Greg Mierle***

July 21 – 23 – ***OHA 115th Convention, Kanata. Host D2 – Ottawa Valley. Rock Your Garden World***

August 05 – ***Flower Show, Refreshments & Silent Auction, Centre for Active Living***

September 12 – Executive Meeting

September 26 – General Meeting: ***Creative Pumpkin Carving – Steve Peters***

September 30 – D18 Fall Workshop, North Bay

October 10 – Executive Meeting

October 24 – General Meeting: ***Photography Competition & Building a Greenhouse with Recycled Materials – Tom & Ann Knight***

November 04 – D18 Community Advisory Board Meeting, Novar

November 14 – Executive Meeting

November 28 - ***Annual General Meeting with Potluck Dinner, Entertainment & Mayor Rick Maloney on Bb Masterplan***

Workshop Suggestions: tool sharpening; bird house painting; seed paper making; hypertufa; flower pounding into fabric; card making; forest bathing.

Soil Health

It nourishes plants, fends off pests and disease. Avoid synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Feed with compost by topdressing with one to two inches every spring and autumn. Living parts of healthy soil rely on decaying organic matter. The right makeup increases moisture retention, keeps soil full of oxygen and encourages roots to spread easily and deeply.

Summer Flower Show, Tea & Silent Auction

Saturday August 5, 2023 - 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Centre for Active Living, 54 Dominion Street

Rules & Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the BHS. Memberships available at the door \$20.00
2. All entries must be submitted between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on August 5 and remain until 2:00p.m. Doors will be closed at 10:00 for judging.
3. Exhibitors may enter two exhibits in each class, as long as they are different cultivars
4. All exhibits must be the property of and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months except for the design classes where materials may be from any source
5. Entry tags must be securely attached.
6. First, Second & Third prizes will be awarded at the Judge's discretion
7. Exhibits are placed at exhibitors' own risk. The Flower Show committee is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged exhibits. All possible care will be taken with the exhibits.
8. All exhibits must be pest free or they will be removed immediately by the committee.
9. All exhibits must be clean and well groomed. Remove all dust, dirt, damage and dead foliage and blooms
10. All vegetables must be shown on a paper plate
11. In the Houseplant Section pots must not exceed 10" except for Dish Garden #10
12. Refer to the Ontario Judging Standards Booklet for exhibiting.

**Any questions may be directed to the Flower Show Committee members: Sharon Davis, Sharon Hill, Ruth Scholey or Sharon Slater

Prizes & Awards:

1. **Prizes for Cuttings, Vegetables, & Houseplants:** 1st - \$3.00 2nd - \$2.00 3rd - \$1.00
2. **Prizes for Designs:** 1st - \$5.00 2nd - \$3.00 3rd - \$2.00

3. **Bracebridge Horticultural Society Award:** The exhibitor having the highest number of points in the Summer Flower Show will have their name engraved on the plaque.
4. **Society Award:** Awarded to a new exhibitor with the highest number of points. Must have at least 3 entries.
5. **Best Rose:** South Branch Farm
6. **Best Bloom in Show:** (Excluding roses) South Branch Farm
7. **Best Design:** Seasons in the Country
8. **Best Houseplant:** CR Flowers

Cutting Classes: To be shown with own foliage

1. CALENDULA – 5 blooms
2. COSMOS – 3 stems
3. DAHLIA – 3 blooms under 4"
4. DAHLIA – 1 bloom over 4 "
5. ECHINACEA – 3 stems
6. RUBECKIA - 3 stems
7. LILY – 1 stem, no daylilies
8. MARIGOLD - 1 bloom over 3"
9. MARIGOLD – 3 blooms, 1 – 3 "
10. NASTURTIUM – 5 blooms, mixed colours
11. PETUNIA – 3 stems, single
12. PETUNIA – 3 stems, double
13. PHLOX - 1 stem, perennial, any colour
14. ROSE – 1 spray, any variety
15. ROSE – 1 stem, any variety
16. ROSE – 1 bloom, any variety, floating in a bowl, no foliage
17. SWEET PEA – 5 stems
18. TUBEROUS BEGONIA – 1 bloom, floating in water with own foliage
19. ZINNIA – 1 bloom
20. COLLECTION OF CUT FLOWERS IN A VASE – minimum of 5 varieties, up to a maximum of 15 stems
21. COLLECTION OF FOLIAGE IN A VASE – 3 types
22. COLLECTION OF GRASSES IN A VASE – 3 types
23. COLLECTION OF HOSTAS IN A VASE – 3 leaves
24. SEASONAL FLOWER, NOT LISTED – 1 bloom, stem, spike or spray, named

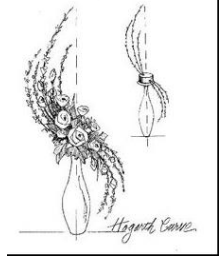
Vegetable Classes:

25. TOMATO – small fruit – 1 stem
26. SUMMER BOUNTY IN A BASKET – a collection of vegetables
27. HERBS – 3 cut specimens in a container

Design Classes: Theme: “Keep It Green”

Accessories permitted. Materials may be from any source.

28. “Raindrops” - a miniature design
29. “Into the Woods” – using roadside materials
30. “You are My Sunshine” – using orange/yellow
31. “Branching out” - a Hogarth design. See illustration.
32. “Repurposed” – use your imagination
33. “Wonders of Water “ – water design
34. SPECIAL: “This Land is Your Land” - an interpretive design



Houseplant Classes: Pots must not exceed 10 inches unless otherwise specified.

1. AFRICAN VIOLET – standard, in bloom, one crown, any colour
2. BEGONIA – large or fancy leaf
3. COLEUS - 1 plant
4. CACTI OR SUCCULENT – 1 plant
5. COLLECTION OF 3 INDIVIDUAL CACTI &/OR SUCCULENTS - displayed on a tray
6. FERN – 1 pot
7. STREPTOCARPUS
8. IVY
9. ORCHID – 1 plant, in bloom
10. DISH GARDEN – a miniature landscape in an open shallow container. Plants should have similar cultivar requirements. May include accessories to scale. Container not to exceed 15” in diameter.
11. ANY OTHER HOUSEPLANT NOT LISTED – blooming, named
12. ANY OTHER HOUSEPLANT NOT LISTED – foliage type, named

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

October 24, 2023

Center for Active Living, 54 Dominion Street

Rules & Regulations:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the BHS. Memberships available at the door for \$20.00.
2. Entries must be submitted between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., on October 24 and remain until the end of meeting.
3. Exhibitors may only enter 1 entry in each category.
4. Exhibits must be taken by the exhibitor.
5. Photographs must be 5" x 7" or 4" x 6" and **mounted individually on a firm sheet with ½" borders.**
6. Digital photos may be entered – no enhancement permitted.
7. Entry tags must be securely attached to the bottom of the sheet.
8. First, Second, & Third will be awarded at the discretion of the Judge.

Prizes & Awards:

1. Prizes – 1st place - \$3.00 2nd place - \$2.00 3rd place - \$1.00
2. Award - Best Photo of the Show \$5.00
3. Special Award of \$10.00 for the collage

Photography Classes:

1. "Baywatch" featuring Bracebridge Bay
2. "Peeling Paint"
3. "Patterns"
4. "Enter Here" - featuring gates or doorways
5. "Fall to Pieces" – fall colours
6. "Dappled Shadows" of a tree through the trees
7. "Black & White" - your choice
8. "Garden Kaleidoscope"
9. SPECIAL: Collage - using an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper , create a collage of a united theme, eg. flowers, sports, etc.
Prize \$10.00 for this category only.

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