

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

May 2023



Sharing the Beauty

May in the garden is magical. Bursts of colour and fragrance enliven our senses. The air is alive with chirping and twittering sounds and fluttering of wings. I love Spring!

The Georgina-Brock Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday happened in a blink of an eye! Almost everything was sold within the first 45 minutes. It would have been nice to have more plants to sell, but the donations we had brought in close to \$1100 in sales. The buyers were very generous and happy with their purchases. I consider it a successful fundraiser for our garden club. Left over plants were transported to Beaverton for their sale this Saturday, May 20th at the Beaverton Curling Club. Cannington's Plant Sale is the following Saturday, on May 27th at Brock 2020 Gardens.

Organic Gardening



~ Best Practices ~

with Mary Beerman of *Mary Living Outside*.
Learn how to work with plant and soil systems using ecological practices from building a garden, planning, managing, harvesting to prepping for a new season.

Enter the
June flower, veggie
& design show.
It's fun & zero
pressure!
See your 2023 GBGC
Show & Activity List
for details.

Monday, June 12 7:30 pm
Pefferlaw Lions Hall, 38 Pete's Lane

Everyone Welcome



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Annual Memberships
only \$15 single, \$20 family

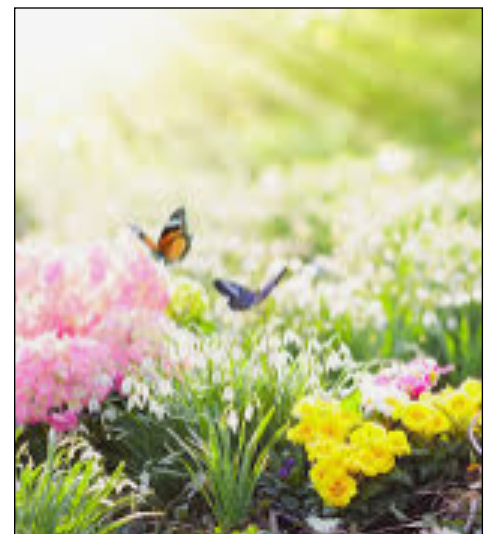


Garden Ontario
KEEPING ONTARIO BEAUTIFUL

I'm looking forward to our June 12th meeting and Mary Beerman's talk on organic gardening. We gardeners are shifting perspectives on how we garden. It's time we all learned natural methods to grow happy plants in healthy sites using nature's system of balance and harmony. This theme is evident in all the articles linked in the Lorraine Johnson piece in this May newsletter. Enjoy reading!

Happy gardening!

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embracing biodiversity a world of variety for the future

One of the keynote speakers at the District 17 AGM was Lorraine Johnson. Lorraine lives in Toronto and has been researching and writing about environmental issues for three decades. She is a community activist and advocate for protecting, supporting, and growing the urban forest.

Lorraine is the author or editor of fourteen books, including *100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens* and *A Garden for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee*.

Lorraine directed us to a number of handy resources:

Did you know there's a cucumber tree native to Ontario? It's Canada's only native magnolia. Here's a list of native plants <https://ontarionature.org/going-wild-for-native-plants-blog/>

Butterflies not only require nectar they also require host plants for reproduction <https://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden/make-your-own-wildlife-garden/gardening-for-butterflies>

Wildlife also requires specific habitat. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/creating-wildlife-habitat>
Grow Me Instead - native plant replacement options for invasive species <https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Southern-Grow-Me-Instead-1.pdf>

What's Happening:

Thursday, May 25, Beaverton Garden Club, *The Aging Gardener: Gardening in our Golden Years* with Ingrid Janssen of Durham Master Gardeners, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7:30 pm

Monday, May 29, Cannington Horticultural Society, *Growing Food - Home Gardening* with Alana Cawker, Cannington Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

If you have any suggestions for upcoming newsletters just contact kathiecb3@gmail.com



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\$15.00 single, \$20.00 family
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