



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

To add your name to our Speaker's List on gardenontario.org please fill in the following form and email to:

Rose Odell at speakers@gardenontario.org

Name: First: Darryl Last: Cheng

Biography:

Darryl Cheng is the creator of the incredibly popular blog and Instagram account, House Plant Journal. Darryl's passion for plants and engineering approach have turned him into one of the most trusted resources of the internet houseplant world. What was initially a hobby Tumblr page has turned into an Instagram account with over half a million followers, a foundational houseplant care book entitled 'The New Plant Parent', a game-changing online course, and plant time-lapse videos that have gone viral around the world.

Please provide a brief description of your qualifications, skills and/or experience:

Author of 'The New Plant Parent' (over 90,000 copies sold)

Past speaking engagements: (in-person and virtual)

Canada – Canada Blooms (2019), Toronto Botanical Garden, Toronto Master Gardener Technical Update, Burlington Horticultural Society, Cloverleaf Garden Club Mississauga, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, Ottawa Horticultural Society, Streetsville Horticultural Society

USA/International – Tropical Plant International Expo, Smithsonian Gardens, Longwood Gardens, Society of American Florists, The Great Grow Along, Garden Center Conference & Expo, AIPH World Ornamental Horticulture Summit, Cultivate

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Society: Markham Garden & Horticultural Society

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Topic List

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Choose a TOPIC from the following:

- Bulbs/Tuber
- Environment
- Floral Design Fungi
- Gardening
- Herbs
- Houseplant
- Native Plants
- Pollinators
- Propagating
- Pruning
- Vegetables

| Topic | Title | Description |
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| Houseplant | An Engineer's Approach to Houseplant Care | If you follow traditional houseplant advice, you'll be left with disappointment because your plant is no longer "perfect". Darryl's approach breaks down the barriers to true, long-lasting enjoyment of houseplants - when you understand how plants work, you can gain a deeper appreciation for their character and more acceptance of how they'll grow. It's a healthy dose of practical science and realistic expectations! |
| Houseplant/ Gardening | Light: Most Important, Least Understood | Outdoor gardeners generally have a good sense of their sunlight exposure and indoor grow ops have well documented instructions to follow - but houseplant owners are left with vague, hand-wavy directions like "bright indirect light" - which leads to dramatically different interpretations and results. In this talk, Darryl will reveal the secrets to understanding light with a particular focus on how it applies to houseplants - comparing natural light and grow lights. You will finally be able to make sense of light! |
| Houseplant/ | Time Lapse: Watching | Plant growth takes days and weeks while humans notice changes in seconds and minutes. Using time |

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| Gardening | Plants Grow | <p>lapse photography, Darryl has captured the magic of daily plant movements and leaves unfurling. Lighting and photography technology have come a long way, allowing us to watch plants grow!</p> <p>This talk will be filled with fascinating videos of plants in action and a behind-the-scenes look at how Darryl sets up his time lapse videos.</p> |
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Files to add to listing:

Please send any pdf documents to market your topics/workshops including the audio/visual requirements form so our societies know what equipment/services are required.

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In person only –
 On Zoom only –
 In person and on Zoom – **either is fine with me**

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