



# Wasaga Beach Horticultural Society

April 2023

## Upcoming Events

### GENERAL MEETING

Date: April 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 Social & 7:30 meeting begins

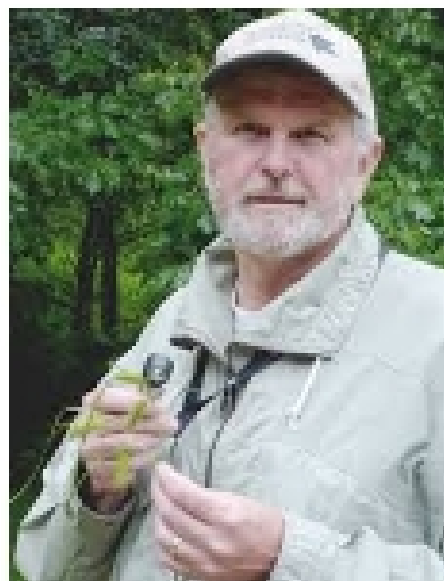
Guest Speaker: David Hawke

Topic: Selective Flora of Simcoe County

Help us grow  
our membership  
**BRING A  
FRIEND!**  
at NO COST

David Hawke is a naturalist who is well known for his outdoor writing and photography. David has worked for several agencies and organizations around Lake Simcoe. In his weekly blog, he shares his observations and insights related to our local natural environment

Over the years David has worked as a naturalist and wildlife technician at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, and the Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area. He has also been employed as an eco-tourism manager for several resorts in central Ontario; most recently he was with the Couchiching Conservancy Land Trust, as their Stewardship Manager and Ecologist, looking after 51 properties (totaling 14,000 acres) spread across the Lake Simcoe watershed.





### **Potting up:**

We need your help to pot up donated plants. Please join us on May 17th and May 20th 9:30 am or anytime after at: Sarina Essner's home, 1602 County Road 7 (45 th Street. S.) If an additional day is needed, arrangements will be made during the following week.

If you have been saving your 1 or 2 gallon pots or have labelling material (old blind slats) for us they can be dropped off at the following addresses prior to May 15th, call first if possible:

Ann Garrad, 24 Sparrow Lane (West end) 705 429-6928

Cathy Mould, 15 Old Hickory Lane (West end) 705 422-1109

Sue Cline, 2 Princess Point Drive (East end) 705 352-1033

### **Outside Vendors:**

If you know of someone who makes/sells garden related items (such as: bird houses, garden ornaments etc.) who may be interested in bringing a table to the sale please ask them to contact a Plant Sale Committee member for details prior to May 15th.

### **Considerations:**

When deciding which plants to donate from your garden please consider non-invasive species. There have been many new additions to the invasive plants list over the last few years.

Orange Day Lilies (ditch lily), Lily of the Valley, English Ivy, Vinca (periwinkle) are only a few examples.

*Load up at our plant sale*





## IN - PERSON

**Saturday April 22, 2023,  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Creemore Legion**

**27 Wellington Street W, Creemore, ON L0M1G0**

**\$30 per person includes:**

**2 Outstanding Expert Speakers**

**The District 16 Flower Show**

**Huronian Rose Society - Rose Sale**

**Vendors of gardening related products**

**ARRIVAL and MORNING BREAK**

**REFRESHMENTS,**

**SOUP, SANDWICH AND DESSERT LUNCH**

**The Annual General Business Meeting**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**and meet your friends from other Societies  
and Clubs**

**Please let your Society or Garden Club**

**Treasurer know you're coming (and if you  
have dietary restrictions) before April 6, 2023**



## **2023 District 16 Annual General Meeting**

Members of the Wasaga Beach Garden Club will be joining with other garden clubs of Simcoe County to hold our Annual General Meeting in Creemore. There will be numerous representatives from 17 societies in attendance.

**Please register now** by sending your \$30 by e-transfer to [wasagabeachgardclub@gmail.com](mailto:wasagabeachgardclub@gmail.com) or by cheque to Debbie Grant P.O. Box 338 60 31st St N Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 1A4

## **Some Memberships are past due**

Membership fees were due in November. The renewal form is attached to this email along with your newsletter.

Now that things are almost back to normal and in person meetings are possible, we would love to welcome back our members who didn't join us last year.

# Gardening Tip



Paint the handles of your garden tools to prevent loss. Yellow or Red would be most visible.



## Perennial of the Year

Rudbeckia - chosen perennial of 2023. Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm' happily pairs with echinacea purpurea and Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light'



## Colour of the Year

Viva Magenta is a color that shines with power and vigor. It is a shade pulled from the red family and rooted in nature, making it the perfect color to look for in floral blooms.



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our club has received a request to divide and repot some houseplants for a Wasaga Beach resident who cannot manage it herself. She has about 9 or 10 houseplants she would like repotted or divided when the weather is appropriate to do the work outside at her home. Please contact Ann Garrad 705 429-6928 for more information.

# VOLUNTEER



## Hummingbird trivia and Hummingbird facts:

- While many of us are familiar with the ruby-throated hummingbird, there are over 300 species of hummers.
- These are smart birds. Their brain-to-body ratio is the largest of all birds.
- Hummingbirds flap their wings 50-200 times per minute.
- Pulling up from dives, hummingbirds pull almost 10g's.
- Their heartbeat is 1,200 per minute.
- While hummingbirds' diet consists largely of nectar, they also consume tree sap, pollen, and insects. Among the insects they eat are mosquitoes.
- Speaking of diet, hummingbirds consume 2 times their weight per day.
- They need to feed every 10 minutes. That's why they are such frequent visitors to your feeder.
- Hummers remember every flower in their territory and how long it takes to get there.
- Their lifespan is 3-12 years.
- Hummingbird eggs are about the size of a jelly bean. There will be 1-3 eggs in the nest.
- It takes 15-18 days for the eggs to hatch.
- At rest, hummingbirds breathe 250 times per minute.
- Hummingbirds have weak feet and are not good at walking.

## Cute Garden Sayings

life is a  
**GARDEN**  
dig in.



## Let's be Environmentally Friendly

What are you collecting for your favorite cause? Jean Dickson is still collecting pop tabs. Now she is also collecting the outer bags from milk bags. Let's all keep collecting for her. Let us know if you're collecting pop tabs, grocery tapes, or any small item. What a great environmentally sound idea that will keep these items out of our landfill sites.



## 2022 Wasaga Beach Horticultural Society Board Members

President	Joyce Morgan	519-415-9102
Treasurer	Debbie Grant	705-429-2501
Secretary	Bev Noddle	705-352-1202
Director, Program	Ariene Edwards	705-429-6049
Director, Communications	Eva Caulfield	705-718-4647
Director, Membership	Joyce Morgan	519-415-9102
Director, Volunteer Hours	Susan Joyce	705-352-8612
Director, Archives	Trudy Rawson	705-422-0048

## Committee Chairs

Plant Sale Coordinator	Ann Garrad	705-429-6928
Refreshment Coordinator	Susan Walley	705-429-6782
Garden Volunteer Coordinator	Linda Marshall	705-429-1622
Lighthouse Gardens Coordinator	Daria Malan	705-352-1142
Newsletter Coordinator	Eva Caulfield	705-718-4647

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