

Newsletter

London Fanshawe Horticultural Society

where people grow with their gardens



One of the stops on our summer garden tour - Joanne Sanborn's backyard

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is drawing to a close but hopefully the pleasant weather will linger on. In the Spring Newsletter I noted record low rainfall in May with a week of 30+ degree temperatures. Since then, conditions have really turned around completely with very frequent rain. We sure haven't had to spend a lot of time watering.

I hope you had a chance to enjoy our garden walks this summer. Each of the 6 gardens was quite different and reflected the individual interests of the gardeners. Thank you to Lois and John McLeod, Barbara Madill, Marilyn Lyons, Joanne Sanborn, Cheryl Smith and Ola Nowosad for opening your gardens for the enjoyment of members!

One of our goals this year has been to support community food security. Last fall we donated \$500 to the Food Bank and this summer we have donated \$300 to support the Fairmont Garden by sponsoring two beds. It looks like they are off to a great start. Have a look at the pictures in this Newsletter.

LFHS's year is closing at the end of October. I thank all the directors for their hard work over the year. And a reminder: there is always room for new talent, either as a director or a volunteer for one of the many tasks that keep the society running smoothly. Also, the Board of Directors would like to hear from you on any issues. We welcome suggestions to improve the quality of our programs.



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I look forward to our fall meetings, especially the 3 P's exchange in September. There is always an abundant and interesting variety of items brought in. See dates of fall meetings below.

One very small step we are taking to go green and help the environment is asking you to "lug a mug" for coffee at the meetings. As encouragement we are offering mugs, with our logo, for sale at cost (picture page 4) at the meetings.

Enjoy the interesting articles in this Newsletter. Thanks to Amy for stepping in as editor and the assistance of Ola.

Yours in gardening,

Bob Crowhurst

"A late summer garden has a tranquility found no other time of year."

William Longgood



*Enjoying the view
at Barbara's house*

What's Up This Fall at London Fanshawe Horticultural Society?

September 21, 2023 (In person 7 p.m.)

Speaker from Reforest London

3P's (Plants, Produce, Preserves) Exchange

Bring 1-2 items to share with fellow members. Choose an item you would like. Let's fill the tables again this year.

October 19, 2023 (In person 7 p.m.)

Speaker Molly Shannon – Succulent Gardening for beginners



November 16, 2023

London Fanshawe Horticultural Society 2023 Annual General Meeting

Location: Siloam United Church 1240 Fanshawe Park Rd

Time: **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Food, Fellowship, Fun and a little business.

Mark your calendars!

2023 GARDEN WALKS FOR MEMBERS

Incredible gardens for us to behold

We were lucky to have very special gardens for our members to tour in June and July.

Marilyn Lyons' garden



A little rain did not stop us from enjoying the sights!!

Barbara Madill's garden



Joanne Sanborn's garden



Ola Nowosad's garden



Cheryl Smith's garden



A huge thank you to our members who volunteered to open their gardens this summer for us to enjoy.

2024 Membership

Membership for 2024 (\$15) will be available starting at the September meeting. Once again, we will be offering **three chances to win a gift certificate** for every member who signs up for the 2024 year prior to the draw at our AGM in November. Our preferred way to obtain a membership card remains buying it at a meeting but we offer the ability to sign up and pay online at <https://london-fanshawe-horticultural-society.square.site/>

LFHS Coffee Mugs



We are going green! Except the new mugs are black and ceramic. The mugs are only \$5. We will have a supply of them at the meeting in September.

Constitution Park



Our garden is reaping the benefits of all the rain this year! Thanks as well to our volunteers who regularly weed the garden and keep it looking great!

Fairmont Garden Donation



LFHS has donated \$300 to support Fairmont Garden

From their [website](#),
“Fairmont United Church is located at 29 Tweedsmuir Avenue in the Fairmont neighbourhood in London. Under the administration of the Metropolitan United Church, we are designing, constructing, and operating a market-style vegetable

garden, beginning in 2023. Our long term goal is to support and expand upon the capacity for residents in the City of London to provide healthy food for our families, while living in an urban environment. We hope you'll come to see us!”

McCormick Home



Hanging basket at front door of the McCormick Home, courtesy LFHS



Volunteers are the key to the success of LFHS. We are fortunate that we never have a shortage of helping hands. We are asking that you consider helping out in the following capacities:

- Photographers/Scrapbookers – recording our society's many interesting events.

• Newsletter contributors – submitting articles or photos to enrich our newsletter content.

Please let us know via email at londonfanshwehortociety@gmail.com

Garden Club of London

Looking to learn something new???

The Garden Club of London would like to invite members to attend our Design Course 1, held on Tuesday September 19th and 26th and October 3rd, 2023 at the Civic Garden Complex from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Cost will be \$90.00 for the three weeks.

This is an introduction to Principles and Elements in Design. We will cover Line Design, Water Viewing, Traditional Mass Design, conditioning of plant material, etc. If interested please contact Linda Hawker (lmhawker@gmail.com) or Sandy Wilson at [E-mail Contact – The Garden Club of London](#)

Also of interest...



OHA Trillium Summer Edition

[2023-Summer-Trillium.pdf \(gardenontario.org\)](#)

Check out the OHA's latest Newsletter.



Master Gardener Summer Newsletter

[Master Gardener News - Dog Days of Summer](#)

[\(londonmiddlesexmastergardeners.com\)](#)



OHA's 50/50 Raffle Jackpot deadline is September 15.

50% of all proceeds go towards Keeping Ontario Beautiful® by way of grants, bursaries and education.

To purchase tickets visit:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>



PODCAST SPOTLIGHT by Maureen Beamish

A Tribute to Tulips

April 2023 | 45 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1orEuO1qEf4>

This podcast by Carole Collins and Danielle Sherry adds design choices into the selection of tulips for spring planting. Follow along on the show notes for photos as you plan for spring blossoms!

Expert Advice on Planting Flowering Bulbs in Fall

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 | 50 mins <https://joegardener.com/podcast/planting-flowering-bulbs-fall-brent-heath/>

Joe interviews Brent Heath of Brent and Becky's Bulbs, the renowned mail-order bulb company. Brent's family has been growing bulbs since 1900 in Gloucester, Virginia, and he has a wealth of knowledge on planting, choosing and maintaining flowering bulbs.



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