



JANUARY THYMES 2024

THE PARIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, founded in 1986, an approachable garden club. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, from September to June, at the Paris Fairgrounds. Refreshments are served at 7:00 pm and following the meeting; the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Co-presidents: Carol Reansbury rboos3918@rogers.com 519-442-3918

Patti Gladding patti@gladding.ca 519-442-1530

Past Co-Presidents: Nancy Burkholder and Edith Stone

Treasurer: Dorothy Lanyi

Secretary: David Collins

JANUARY 3rd, 2024

Our Annual General Meeting

The nominating committee will present the slate of officers and directors and Dorothy Lanyi will present the Financial Statement. District Six Director and Treasurer, Bob Heil, will install the new board.

A slide show of highlights from past garden tours will be shown.

Anne & Bob Hasler and Patrice Sutherland will provide snacks.



CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to all the members who made the Christmas Dinner evening such a success. The meal, the entertainment and the decorations were all excellent. The enthusiasm of the group made it a great night to end 2023. Thanks to everyone for the rustic white lanterns that were given to Patti and I at the dinner as a thanks for our Co-President work. We are both very thankful to be a part of such a great group of people to share in our love of gardening! Memberships are due in January or February. They are \$15 for one and \$20 for family membership. Please see Dorothy as you come in the door.

In February we will be sending around a sign-up sheet for snacks for the year. Please be thinking ahead of a month you would like to contribute.

As we are looking forward to 2024 we are looking for an interested volunteer to take over competitions which are organized for 3 times a year. We have all the information ready and knowledgeable people to provide direction to get started. If you have questions, please contact Patti at 519-442-1530 or I at 519-442-3918.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! See you at the meeting on January 3, 2024

Co-President, *Carol*



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Fees are due, January and February of 2024. They remain at \$15 for single and \$20 for family. If they are not paid by March 2024, you will no longer receive the newsletter.

If you are unable to pay in person you can send an eTransfer to Dorothy Lanyi Shasland41@gmail.com or email a cheque to 81 Ashgrove Ave, Brantford. N3R 6E6

BURSARY AWARD: Each year the Paris Horticultural Society awards a bursary to a student who is going to study a course in the field of Horticulture or Agriculture.

This year the award went to Ava Parker. This is her thank you note to us.

“Dear Paris Horticultural Society, thank you very much for the bursary toward my secondary education in the field of agriculture. I am proud to be part of the Paris/Brant community. I hope when I finish my education, I will be able to make a difference in this community.

Your generosity was very appreciated. Sincerely *Ava Parker*



HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR POINSETTIA: (Info taken from Web article by Arricca Elin Sansone)

With the right care your poinsettia should last 6 weeks to 2 months. They are a tropical plant growing to trees in some locations, but in our climate, it is very difficult to get them to last and bloom again.



1. Look for tightly closed tiny yellow flowers in the middle, should be greenish as they open, then to yellow indicates bloom as they open. If they are shedding pollen the plant is past its prime.
2. Check under wrapping for yellow foliage. Plant would not be a good choice.
3. Protect by covering for your trip home. Don't let it sit in a chilly car for too long.
4. Replace the foil over the pot with a pretty vessel that allows drainage.
5. As a tropical, it will love light but having been grown in a greenhouse it will be used to indirect light. However, a dark corner will force it to reach for the light and become stretched and leggy.
6. Temperature in the house should be between 18" – 21' C.
7. Water regularly, allowing for consistent light moisture – not soaking. Try 1 cup of water every 2-3 days, dump out any excess. If allowed to dry out the plant will begin to drop leaves in order to protect the root system. If this happens, compost and buy a new one.
8. Keep away from pets, it is not lethal but the milky white sap is irritating to their mouths or skin if not washed off. If it is ingested, the safe thing to do would be to call a vet. Better to be safe than sorry.
9. If your plant is beginning to look leggy, you can cut off individual flowers and display in a vase. Wear gloves as the sap can be irritating to human skin as well. An individual flower could also be displayed in a pretty bowl of water.
10. It is possible to repot and keep it for another year but in our climate, this is very challenging.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 11th, 2024: Annual Plant Sale, Syl Apps Community Centre. Details to follow.

June 8th – 9th: 2024: Our annual Garden Tour

March, 2026: District 6 Spring Breakfast Meeting, hosted by **Paris Horticultural Society.**

Paris Horticultural Society and the Royal Botanical Gardens

We enjoy a membership at the RBG. If you are wanting to go you can contact
Dave Collins for our free pass.

Call 519-442-6495 or email at dcollins55@bell.net



WHERE TO FIND PHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Submissions are welcome and must be in by the third Wednesday of the month.

Unless otherwise noted all photos by Margaret Collins

*“In the garden of life, we must face the wilting of winter before we can
welcome the bloom of spring.”
Just like the seasons, life is filled with its own highs and lows.*



“One kind word can warm these winter months”

Japanese proverb