



2024 District 1 Annual General Meeting

Hosted by the:

Russell & District Horticultural Society

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:30am to 3:30pm

Camille Piché Community Centre, 8 Blais Street, Embrun, ON

Continental breakfast 8:30-9:30am

Buffet lunch, noon to 1:30 pm

Cost to attend \$35/person

COMPETITIONS

*Exhibits will be judged by popular vote
of the attendees.*

Prizes: 1st \$15.00 - 2nd \$10.00 - 3rd \$5.00

Floral Arrangements

- 1. Awakening** - A dining table centrepiece using mainly succulents and white flowers.
- 2. Reflection** - A water viewing line arrangement in a shallow dish. To include an orange flower.
- 3. Spring Has Sprung** - A miniature arrangement, maximum dimensions 5" in any direction.
- 4. Ribbit** - An arrangement incorporating a frog accessory.

Photography

(photos must be taken by exhibitor)

Photos must be in colour, 4"x6" prints mounted on 5"x7" craft paper. No frames.

- 1. Green Pond Dwellers**
- 2. Fifty Shades of Green**
- 3. Gardener's Best Friend**
- 4. Bold and Bright Against the Green**

Entries must include exhibitor's name, and class number and title, on the attached entry tag.

MORNING SPEAKER:

ASHA HINGORANI

Canadian Peat: Ideal for growing for generations to come.

Asha Hingorani is the President of the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association and she also sits on the board of the International Peatland Society. Through the Association, she represents Canadian peat producers responsible for approximately 90% of the yearly extracted peat and most of it used to supply the North American market. Peat has long been recognized as the quintessential of growing media component by generations and consumers worldwide. Asha will discuss the science about the peat extraction industry and its sustainable future.

AFTERNOON SPEAKER:

JEANNIE FORD

Leap into Mini Ponds, Fountains & Ecosystems

Jeannie Ford has been an active horticulturalist her whole life following in her father's footsteps, who was a master gardener in Germany. Her work experience of 33 years covers managing garden centres, being an interior plant specialist and designing and maintaining gardens for clients. For the past 2 ½ years, she has been managing the greenhouse, aquatic and garden centre and retail aspect of Aquatopia Water Garden Conservatory located in Carp, Ontario. Jeannie will share this life-long passion with you and introduce mini ponds, fountains and eco-systems that will enhance your gardens.

**Wear your
"Finest"
Greenery**

(Special prize to be awarded)

**Door prizes
to be won!**

Each society to contribute a door prize worth at least \$25

**Exciting raffle of 3
incredible baskets
filled with many
delights.**

Tickets are 3 for \$10