

November 20th Meeting

Bonnie from Quinn's Blooms in Cobourg will demonstrate **How to Make a Christmas Wreath**. Her creation will be raffled to a lucky member.

Quinn's
Blooms & Greenery



*The Refreshments will be thanks to **Rosie Lopez and Debra McCabe**.*

FOR SALE: Some items that were previously used in the winter decorations in town will be offered for sale at the November meeting. You'll be able to buy a snowflake, a moose or a cardinal for \$5 each cash.



NOW is the time to sign up for the **Refreshment Brigade** so we can list your name in the 2024 Yearbook. Watch for the Sign-up Sheet at the Registration Desk on the 20th.

MEMBERSHIP: Maggie will begin to collect **membership renewals** starting at the November meeting. Plan to renew your membership before the proposed fee increase.

October Meeting

Kyle Griffin of Griffin Greenhouse gave a very interesting presentation showing us how to design and make a winter arrangement. He recommended starting with a pot containing soil and roots from a summer plant or heavy top soil (not light potting soil), then cutting sharp points on a number of boughs. Using three types of greens, aim to arrange the large boughs in a pyramid, moving the planter around to see it from all sides and filling in the arrangement with greens to add texture. Finally, it's time to finish the arrangements by adding bows and decorations. He noted it's important to water the pot well to provide moisture to the greens and so the soil freezes. Adding Wilt-Pruf spray can help to protect the greens during the winter season.

Members enjoyed the presentation and asked many questions.

Awards Presentations: Congratulations to:

Mary Meldrum: Awarded for highest Points

Georgina Rose

Fred and Olivia Kelly: New Member Award

Martha Baldwin

Pine Ridge: Highest Points in design

Marilyn Homewood

Hume: Highest points in flower shows

Marilyn Homewood

Many members who entered specimens and designs in the competitions received cash awards.

Tickets raffled for the two arrangements Kyle made were drawn and won by Felicity Corelli and Carole Elliott. Both were thrilled to win these arrangements.



Felicity Corelli



Carole Elliott and Kyle

Membership Fees: The Board is proposing an increase in membership fees to \$20 for Individuals and \$30 for Families. At the Annual General Meeting, membership will vote on the increase. If passed, the new membership fee would take effect in February 2024.

Christmas Flower & Photography Show December 11th:

Be ready for the Christmas flower and photography show. Check out the details on page 20 of the Yearbook. It's time to select those photos and get them printed ahead of time.

Our Entry in the Capitol Theatre Festival of Lights & Trees:

The Port Hope Garden Club has donated a Christmas Wreath to the festival. The creation of the wreath was initiated by Maureen Holloway. When you visit the Capitol Theatre look for the outstanding grapevine wreath that was designed and decorated by Beverley Batchellor, Sandra McIlveen and Maureen.

OHA Silent Auction: OHA will be hosting a Silent Auction from November 10th to 24th.

Check the silent auction site at <https://www.32auctions.com/OHAFall2023>. Winners will be contacted and arrangements will be made to get the winning item to them. If the item is delivered by someone going that way, or is picked up there is no charge; however if the item is shipped or mailed the cost is the responsibility of the winner.

2024 Colour: We have been advised by OHA that the colour of the year in 2024 will be ORANGE.

Links of interest:

Check to see if there's still space to attend the Cold Springs Flower Farm – Wreath Making Workshop -- [LINK](#)

Check out Yona's Greenhouses for information about workshops and products.

www.yonasgreenhouses.com. Yona's is open November 11 to December 10 – Friday to Sunday only, 10 am to 4 pm. 5971 Minnetonka Rd K0K 2X0. 905-352-2092

Vikings Nursery Christmas Workshops: [LINK](#)

View the OHA Trillium newsletter: [LINK](#)

The inextricable link between gardening and happiness



Garden designer Lottie Delamain explores the links between gardening and our mental wellbeing, and how the natural world can be a refuge

Early records show that humans were reaping the benefits of gardens as far back as 600BC. During the Roman Empire, gardens were built as places of contemplative reflection and intellectual stimulation as well as sources of food and sustenance. They were places to rest in the heat of the day, expand your knowledge of life sciences and botany and marvel at the patterns and rhythms of nature.

At its heart, time spent in the garden has always been about escape – from the stresses of life, from the chaos of city life, or from mental anguish. In the words of Monty Don, although we may have little control over our lives “in the garden or allotment we are king or queen. It is our piece of outdoors that lays a real stake to the planet.”

[Read the entire article from House & Garden UK here.](#)

Ottawa's Experimental Farm — *Blooms: An Illustrated History of the Ornamental Gardens at Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm* is about the **Ornamental Gardens** at the Farm and how they came to be the beautiful and historic place we enjoy today. It is illustrated with many fascinating historic photos of the gardens and the unique flowers that were bred here at the Farm, along with stunning photos that capture the splendour of the present-day gardens and plants. On sale for \$25. Check the link for details. [LINK](#)

Empress of Dirt: How to use fall leaves to improve our garden [LINK](#)

Gardening Trends to Inspire Your Landscape in 2024

From container to night gardens, expect to see these core gardening trends everywhere next year, according to Martha Stewart.

1. Hortifuturism - Expect to see bold and bright colors in 2024 with gardens that look straight out of a science fiction movie.
2. Delight in the Dark - With interest in gothic gardens growing on social media, this trend leans into Gen Z's fixation with dramatic landscapes.
3. Bugging Out - Expect to see an interest in essential pollinators like bees and butterflies
4. Hanging in There - Container gardening has become more popular than ever with a 200 percent increase in households that engaged in container gardening last year.
5. Nature Calls - An interest in sustainability efforts is expected to yield less curated gardens that are filled with native and carbon capturing plants.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Garden Club Coffee Gathering: December 6, 10:30 am, Starbuck's, Ontario Street, Port Hope.

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REMINDER: THE ROLE OF THE REFRESHMENT FOLKS INCLUDES BRINGING MILK AND CREAM, MAKING TEA AND PUTTING THE DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER AFTER THE MEETING. YVONNE LANE WILL MAKE THE COFFEE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL THIS ROLE, PLEASE ARRANGE WITH ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

Many thanks to those who contribute information for our newsletter.

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*“ November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows
with night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket, and frost by the gate.*

The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next spring. “

Clyde Watson