

*"A weed is but an unloved flower"*

**Ella Wheeler Wilcox**

## February Meeting

### **A bonsai specialist, Joan Greenway will present an Introduction**

to Bonsai in February. With an extensive background in the subject, she has been a director of Bonsai International for six years, is past president of Matsuyama Bonsai Society, and currently Communications officer. She is also actively involved in the Toronto Bonsai Club. Joan has travelled to Japan, South East Asia, England, France, USA and Canada to pursue her love of bonsai.



*Our refreshments will be provided by  
Malcolm Pacey and Bonnie Tuttle.*

## January Annual General Meeting

In January, our meeting featured the Annual General Meeting as well as a Special Presentation of Flora from Australia & New Zealand by Victoria Terry. Members also received their 2024 Yearbook.

At the AGM, we said **thank you to Anthea Loke** who left the Board after serving admirably as our Meeting Coordinator. Anthea will continue to coordinate the Coffee Gatherings and the Member Garden Visits for us.

We also elected our 2024 board, passed an increase in membership fee to \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families, and passed a resolution exempting the Club from annual audits and agreeing to appoint members as reviewers, which has been our practice.



**Board of Directors for 2024:** Beverley Batchellor, Lyn Bradshaw, Carole Elliott, Suzi Gabany, Marilyn Homewood, Bill Kamula, Yvonne Lane, Darlene Mack, Maggie Money, and Bonnie Tuttle.

**Financial Reviewers:** Paulette Mouzer and Victoria Terry.

**Cards to Members:** When we know of a member who is ill or one who has suffered the loss of a close family member, we like to send a friendly message. If you know of someone who should receive a card, please notify Paulette Mouzer at [pmouzer@sympatico.ca](mailto:pmouzer@sympatico.ca), 905-885-0288.

## A Short History of the Rotary Centennial Riverview Park

We received, via the Rotary Club, a message from Crystal Lowes Hussey:

*"My grandparents, William and Martha Lowes, were once the owners of the property at 1 McKibbin Street that is now the Rotary Centennial Riverview Park. I believe it was in the Lowes family for at least eighty years. My uncle, Lionel Lowes, was the last to live on this property. After his death in 2006 the property was sold to the town. It sat neglected until just recently. I was elated to see that is it now a beautiful little park."*

It is great to know that our Riverview Pollinator Garden is located on the Lowes' land.

## Planning ahead for the 2025 Yearbook

We are starting to think about the Yearbook for 2025. This year's book cost us about \$14 each for design and printing. We want to make the information it contains available to members but preferably at a lower cost in the future. We hope to recruit members who can do computer design, or know about producing booklets to join a group to recommend a cost-effective way to produce future Yearbooks. We will also look at other ways to communicate Club information. The planners so far include Carole Elliott, Bev Batchellor and Bill Kamala. If you are interested in knowing more about this project contact one of us. Your Board of Directors contact information is on the last page of this newsletter and in your Yearbook.

**Coffee Time:** On Wednesday March 6th join the group that meets at Starbucks in PharmaSave on Ontario Street for coffee at 10:30 a.m.

## Seedy Saturday:

Join Northumberland Master Gardeners and wonderful vendors at Seedy Saturday on February 17th 2024, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at 54 Toronto Road, Port Hope.

Vendors include Muscat Seeds, Gaia Organics, Cathy's Crawlers, Terra Edibles, Kitchen Table Seed House, Junco Seeds and more.

For more information about Seedy Saturdays all over Canada visit Seeds of Diversity's events page. Here is how Seeds of Diversity explains Seedy Saturday: "Seedy Saturdays are fun, inexpensive events where you can swap and exchange seeds, get exciting varieties that other seed savers are sharing (as well as the stories that come with them), attend workshops and talks, meet vendors and buy seeds from seed companies. Whether you are a first-time or master gardener, seed enthusiast or expert seed saver, there really is something for everyone." [LINK](#)

**OHA / AGM** Saturday April 6th 9:00 am. to 3:30 pm. co-hosted by Omemee and Lindsay, at Calvary Pentecostal Church , 124 Victoria Avenue North, Lindsay. If you are interested in attending, contact Bonnie Tuttle

## LINKS OF INTEREST:

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault is a secure backup facility for the world's crop diversity on a Norwegian island in the remote Arctic Svalbard archipelago [LINK](#)

The Branch Ranch Workshops: [LINK](#)

Plant Trends 2024 / Gardening Calendar [LINK](#)

Empress of Dirt: How to winter sow seeds [LINK](#)

Great Heat Mat debate [LINK](#)

This is what gardening is all about — Lindley Karstens (facebook) [LINK](#)

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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 AND DARLENE MACK 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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