

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

February 2024



Sharing the Beauty

Dear Gardeners;

It is February, that in-between month, when weather is so unpredictable. All we know is that winter is half over and spring can't be far away. Can you believe that our first garden club meeting of the year is less than one month away?

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Board of Directors have been meeting and working throughout the winter to finalize and implement ideas that were proposed last fall. We are eager to announce our 2024 speaker line-up and the amendments we have made to create what we feel is an outstanding programme for you this year. Our 2024 members' booklet and new bookmark will be available at our March 11th meeting.

Vegetable Gardening in Containers

A lack of space for a vegetable garden doesn't mean you can't grow your own vegetables!

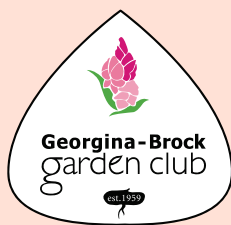


Sherry Dodson and Norine Blyth from Durham Master Gardeners will show us how to grow vegetables in containers and harvest fresh food from early spring to late fall.

Monday, March 11, 7:30 pm
Pefferlaw Lions Hall
38 Pete's Lane

Everyone Welcome

Annual Memberships
only \$20 single, \$25 family



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Seedy Saturday planning has also required our time and attention. This event continues to grow in popularity and this year promises to be the best yet. The interest from vendors has been so great we have had to turn some away. Attendance to this free event is sure to exceed 800.

We are seeking the help of volunteers. Please see the Seedy Saturday poster below and reach out to me with your volunteer availability.

In coming weeks, residents will be offered opportunities to grow vegetables organically in the Pefferlaw Community Garden Collective. Stay tuned if you want to add your name to the list.

We're all looking to advance into spring. In the meantime, let's enjoy each moment of winter, while it lasts.

Denise, President GBGC
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Your Help is Needed at Seedy Saturday!

Donate seeds - package in small lots, label & bring to Seedy Sat. Envelopes available at the March meeting.

Volunteers are required:

Set-up tables/chairs and assist vendors from their vehicles (Fri. 4:30-8:00 pm & Sat. 6:30-8:30 am)

Represent GBGC at our club table.

Many other jobs throughout Saturday 9am - 2pm.

Help vendors pack-up, hall clean-up and stacking chairs/tables after event (Sat. 2-4pm)

Contact Denise for more info.

Things to Do in February

by Mark Cullen

Buy new dahlia bulbs. They will arrive at your local garden retailer any day soon and you should get them while the selection is at its best. Plant in one-gallon sized containers in March.

Start petunia seeds in February. Most others wait until March or April.

Feed the birds. Use a quality seed mix so that it does not get wasted and you attract quality birds.

Participate in [Project FeederWatch](#).

Buy seeds. Whether you choose to shop the seed catalogues or peruse the seed racks at your local garden centre, be sure to do it soon. First, you are only going to get busier as the gardening season approaches. Secondly, the selection is at its best. And don't miss your local Seedy Saturday event.

Once an amaryllis' flowers fade, cut the flower stalk back to about 2" height. Allow the leaves to grow and water when the soil feels dry. This will allow the leaves to produce energy which the bulb will store for future blooms. Keep it in a sunny window and, in the spring, plant the amaryllis in your garden. Let the long leaves mature and turn yellow. In late September, cut the foliage back and store the bulb in a cool, dry, dark place. In early December, replot the bulb in fresh potting mix and start the cycle again.

SEEDY SATURDAY MARCH 23 2024



Presentations

9:15 Shea & Natalie-Green & Bloom Farm
Seed Starting/Best Practices

10:15 John & Nicole-Glen Road Organics
Full Soil Foodweb & Compost

10:30 Children's Story Time with the
Georgina Public Library

11:15 Discussion Panel/Q&A

Vendors

Over 20 fantastic vendors offering a wide variety of seeds, garden art, honey, lavender, preserves, floral items, pottery, organic compost, candles & more. Plus 10 community service groups including Brock Seed Library, Durham Master Gardeners, Brock Butterflyway & Seed Swap Tables.

Pefferlaw Lions Community Hall

38 Pete's Lane, Pefferlaw - Doors Open 9 to 2

Co-Hosts: Beaverton, Cannington & Georgina-Brock Horticultural Clubs

If you have any suggestions for upcoming newsletters just contact kathiecb3@gmail.com



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\$20 single, \$25 family
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