

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

October 2024



Sharing the Beauty

Dear Gardeners;

Autumn is a magical season! We're experiencing the graceful transition from Summer to frosty mornings, sparkling fresh air and dazzling shades of Fall. I love seasonal shifts and their effects in my garden and outdoor spaces. Take advantage of this season to enrich your garden soil with dead leaves, compost and mulch cover. Come Spring, you'll be glad you did!

Creating Winter Interest in Your Garden



We live in an area with 4 distinct seasons. **Durham Master Gardener, Pam Clarke, will show us how to design a garden to look great in all seasons, highlighting specific plants and trees for winter interest.**

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



**Don't miss our Photography Competition:
An exhibit of members' photographs judged
by Professional Photographer,
Christopher Campbell**



Everyone Welcome

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



Silent Auction sales totalled \$214. Thanks to all for donating and buying plants at our Fall fundraiser.

Be sure to attend our "Creating Winter Interest in Your Garden" talk on November 11th. There will still be time to plant and make changes after the meeting to enhance enjoyment of your outdoor spaces throughout the Winter.

Also, a reminder to select your photographs and get them printed and mounted for the Photography Competition. November 4th is the deadline to get your entries to Kathie for judging. At the November meeting we get to see all photos and winning entries. Happy gardening,

Denise,

President GBGC

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*The difference
between a flower
and a weed
is a judgment.
~unknown~*

One of the many benefits of your GBGC membership are discounts at local businesses.

Present your GBGC membership card and receive:

10% off Century Home & Garden Greenhouses, Port Perry

10% off plants at Mike Gibbs Floral Design, Cannington

10% off at Rockwood Forest Nurseries, Cameron

10% off at Spruce Hill Garden Centre, Pefferlaw

10% off at Thomas' Greenhouses, Pefferlaw

10% off at Vieveen's Nursery, Beaverton

Support local businesses that support GBGC!

*Join in our fun and friendly
photo competition in November!*



2023 Best in Show, Pat Rose

Your photo may be chosen
Best in Show or selected for the
2024 GBGC Bookmark!

All entries are judged by a
Professional Photographer!

Enter one or enter all
of the 2024 categories:

- Let it Snow, Let it Snow
- Through the Window
- Blooming Daffodils
- Let's Get Close Up
- Spring Bursting
- In the Veggie Patch
- Naturally Native
- Next Generation
- Mellow Yellow
- Our Feathered Friends
- Spectacular Sunset
- Bookmark - Sunny Sunflower



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Check out the 2024 GBGC
Programme for rules and
submission date or email
kathiecb3@gmail.com
Open to GBGC Members.

Join us on:



What's Happening:

Thursday, Oct. 24, Beaverton Garden Club, *Designing Great Plant Combinations for All Seasons* with Evelyn Wolf of Garden Possibilities, St Paul's Anglican Church, 7:30 pm

Monday, Oct. 28, Cannington Horticultural Society, *Wild Bees & Agriculture* with Susan Willis Chan, Cannington Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

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

Things to do in Your Garden

Dig and divide. It is not too late to dig up mature perennials and divide them into smaller portions to replant around your garden. Do this sooner rather than later.

Wrap fruit trees. Wrap the trunk of fruit trees with a plastic spiral guard to prevent rodent damage in winter. Mice and rabbits can wreak havoc on young, tender bark.

Plant garlic cloves. One clove about 10 cm deep with 10 cm spacing. Use loose, open, sandy soil as they like water to drain away from them. Your garlic crop will be ready to harvest next August.

Plant bulbs. The Dutch produce these in prodigious quantities and varieties so that our Canadian spring is worth waiting for.

Wrap evergreens with two layers of burlap (late in October or early November) One layer to protect against the burning sun as it reflects off snow and another to protect evergreens from wind. This is especially true for cedars, junipers and like, that are on the east side of a road, where they catch the prevailing west wind with salt spray.

After the first serious frost, dig up your dahlias and lay the 'bulbs' (tubers) in the sun to dry for a day or two. Store in a large, craft paper leaf bag with dry peat moss or shredded newspaper in a cool but DRY place. Plan to plant them up in March for a repeat performance next season.

Do not cut back fall flowering ornamental grasses, coneflower, rudebeckia and all of the autumn flowering plants that produce a seed head. The birds will forage the seeds well past the first snow fall.

Top-dress with compost. Remember, 'digging in' compost is a thing of the past - all that disruption is just bad for the soil. Simply apply the compost to the surface of the soil and let the worms do the hard work of pulling it into the root zone.

Mulch & rake leaves into the garden.



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