

Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

November 2024



Sharing the Beauty

Hello fellow gardeners;

November has been anything but boring. Beset with geo-political conflicts, floods and other global disasters, this month has had us all on edge. How do we find peace of mind? My suggestion is to forget the world for a while and go outside to your garden to connect with Nature. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, smells and touch of the Earth, even if it's in your own imagination.

Our December meeting is one of my favourites. I love sampling the variety of delicious foods that members contribute to the annual potluck dinner. This fun evening features a demonstration, door prizes and awards as well as a short AGM business portion. Doors will be open at 5:30pm. Come early to help set-up the hall and to warm up your dish in the kitchen; buffet dinner service begins at 6:30pm. If you can, please bring your own dishes, cutlery and mug to reduce kitchen clean-up.

Christmas Party & Potluck Dinner

Don't miss a great evening of music, a potluck dinner, awards, AGM, seasonal demonstration, raffle prizes and great conversation.

Bring your favourite homemade dish to share plus your mug, cutlery and plate. Always a fun evening!



Lynne Davidson will demonstrate how easy it is to make and decorate a grapevine wreath using pine cones, foliage, dried fruits and cinnamon sticks. Lynne will also demonstrate how to make burlap flowers to adorn your wreath or gifts.

Monday, December 9
Pefferlaw Lions Hall
38 Pete's Lane
Potluck & AGM 6:30 pm
Demonstration 7:30 pm

Seven Directors have agreed to serve another one-year term on our Board; Debra Banfield, Kathie Braid, Lynne Davidson, Anisa Ishak, Janice Osborne, Denise Sheedy and Ann Winacott.

We're looking for someone to take over as Treasurer from Ann who has filled this position for 11 years. We invite a GBGC member with a good head for numbers to join our friendly Directors' group and shadow Ann during 2025 to learn the role. Please contact me for more information - I'm always willing to chat about the garden club.

If you're interested in joining the Board, our next Directors' meeting is Monday, December 2 and it starts with a potluck dinner at Kathie's at 6pm.

See you next month!

Denise,

President GBGC

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Wild Grape

Although varieties of wild grape vine are native to locations all over the globe including North America, it is invasive and has a very aggressive impact on native flora. In Ontario, the *vitis riparia* or riverbank grape is commonly found along disturbed sites such as roads, riverbanks, forest edges, and fencerows. It prefers full sunlight and will climb high to find it. Wild grape vines are very aggressive growers that smother out new plantings while stealing sunlight and nutrients from nearby vegetation.

Uses: Wild grapes have been gathered for centuries to make wine, jelly, jam, and can be eaten fresh or dried and to complement meat dishes. The leaves are edible and are popular for making Mediterranean and Middle Eastern dishes. Indigenous peoples used the juice of wild grapes to soothe coughs and colds. In December, we'll demonstrate how to use the vines to make wreaths.



At our October meeting we enjoyed an informative presentation, *Creating Winter Interest in Your Garden*, by Durham Master Gardeners Pam Clarke and Isia Yeo. They referred to a list of native and non native plants including trees, shrubs, evergreen perennials, annuals and grasses which can be accessed online <https://durhammastergardeners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Plants-for-Winter-Interest.pdf>

Help Save Wilfrid Hall!

Show your support by attending a meeting of the Wilfrid Hall Board and Brock Township Councillors, Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, Township of Brock, 1 Cameron St. East.

What's Happening:

Monday, December 2, Cannington Horticultural Society, *AGM, Annual Awards, Photo Show*, Cannington Baptist Church, 7:30 pm

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



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