



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Inside

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Welcome to the September edition of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. (MGOI) Newsletter. Our focus is on you, Master Gardeners! This is your vehicle for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 31 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. The Newsletter features member milestones, new group projects, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and activities of our groups and our members. And pictures – please feel free to submit pictures!

Contributions to future editions of 'Inside MGOI' may be sent at any time to the Newsletter Editor, Isabel Belanger, newsletter@mgoi.ca.

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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Etobicoke

Milestones

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training

Janet Haynes Graham
Welcome Janet!



Ottawa – Carleton Master Gardeners

10 Year Anniversary

Julianne Labreche

New Master Gardeners in Training

Ruby Isaacs
Kari-Anne Murphy



Brantford Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Congratulations Lynne Goulet-Smith!



New Master Gardeners in Training

Ingrid DiLorenzo
Amber Seli
Kelly Knott
Joined September 2018. Welcome ladies!

Summing Up Our Financials!

Cathy Thompson, Treasurer

As we prepare to attend the annual Coordinators' Conference on October 13th, I'm "banking" on your help!

I will be presenting the annual financial statements for Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. (MGOI) for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2018. While financial statements may not be the most scintillating topic for most of us, this information is important because it reflects how the money contributed by all the groups is used during the year. Our revenues come almost exclusively from the annual fees each group submits based on its December 31 member numbers. Last year the board provided a rebate to each group of \$5 per member to reflect MGOI's current financial position. We currently have an accumulated surplus on our financial statements and a sizeable balance in our bank accounts. Your Board of Directors is charged with

using this money in the best interest of all our local groups and Master Gardeners as a whole. It's not 'MGOI Board' money – it belongs to all our MG groups.

Last year, I asked that everyone think about an effective use for these funds and I ask this on behalf of the Board again this year. If you have an idea for the promotion of Master Gardeners, an educational project for either members or the public, please pass it along to your Regional Director or a MGOI Board member. We all wish to keep the designation of Master Gardeners strong and known to the public as an excellent source of gardening information and cutting edge in new issues as they present themselves. Now that you "appreciate our financial situation", can I "bank on your help" to "balance the needs" of all our groups? See...financial statements can be scintillating!



Master Gardeners Out & About: Projects & Events

Ottawa – Carleton Master Gardeners

Name: Ottawa-Carleton Member Garden Tours

Details: Ottawa-Carleton member garden tours continued throughout the summer. The pictures below were taken at Helena Dlab's Ottawa Garden. Julianne Labreche and Nancy McDonald enjoyed the tour and a picture of Helena's Statice plant.

Julianne Labreche, left & Nancy McDonald, right



Helena's Statice Plant



Ontario Master Gardeners

Name: Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

Dates: August 17th to September 3rd, 2018

Details: A big thank you to Shirley Daniels and Susan Quirk, Mississauga Master Gardeners, for organizing the Advice Clinics again this year at the Ex, aka Toronto's CNE. Clinics were held over the entire 14 days. It's always good to meet fellow Master Gardeners from other groups and to hear about the public's hot gardening issues – although sometimes they don't change much from year to year. The dreaded Japanese Beetle and the devastation it wreaks are always hot topics, as were plant issues related to the hot drought-like weather throughout much of Ontario this summer – punctuated by torrential rainfall and high winds.

Mississauga MG Shirley Daniels provides advice to an interested gardener



Shirley Daniels, left & Toronto MG Meryl Burston answer garden questions



Shirley Daniels (left), with Etobicoke MG Isabel Belanger



UPCOMING EVENTS

COORDINATORS – MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

2018 Coordinators' Conference

Date: October 13, 2018

Location: Bethel Church in Waterdown, ON

Details: They have a large parking lot, well lit hall and large kitchen. Details have been sent to coordinators. Each group is invited to send three members – ideally the current coordinator, the next coordinator and a future coordinator.

Ottawa – Carleton Master Gardeners

Fall Lectures with Friends of the Farm:

Details:

1. *Bulbs for Year-Round Enjoyment.* Tuesday October 16, 7 p.m. Mary Reid
2. *History of English Country House Gardens.* Tuesday November 6, 7 p.m. Heather Clemenson

at Building 72 in the Arboretum at the Central Experimental Farm.

Norfolk County Master Gardeners

Name: Find Out about Invasive Species

Date: Wed. Oct. 17th, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Details: This 'pay what you wish' event is being held at the OMFRA auditorium, 1283 Blueline Rd., Simcoe N3Y 4N3. Kate Powell, the Terrestrial Invasive Species Outreach Liaison will help us identify common invaders and management techniques. Everyone is welcome!

Find out about Invasive Species
at OMFRA auditorium
1283 Blueline Rd. Simcoe N3Y 4N3

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Kate Powell, the Terrestrial Invasive Species Outreach Liaison will help us identify common invaders and management techniques for our area. Learn what we can do to manage and control these intruders in the native species we enjoy.

...Everyone is Welcome...
"Pay what you wish" event

Presented by the Norfolk County Master Gardeners

Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Name: Edible Landscapes: Kingston Home Gardeners Conference

Date: Saturday October 27, 2018

EDIBLE LANDSCAPES
Saturday October 27, 2018
9am-1pm (Registration - 8:30am - \$25)
Christ Church Parish Centre
990 Sydenham Road

Kingston Home Gardeners Conference

with special guest
Diana Beresford-Kroeger,
world renowned author,
medical biochemist &
botanist

TOPICS:
Converting lawns to new gardens – 2 easy methods
Unusual varieties & germinating & saving your seeds
Edible mushrooms and wild plants in the garden
Why and which trees for our area?
Making your own fertilizer – new insights on how to make great compost
New approaches to pruning fruit trees
Edible perennial polycultures, mimicking forests & permaculture design

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER:
[www.Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners .com](http://www.Rideau1000IslandsMasterGardeners.com)

Details: Special guest Diana Beresford-Kroeger (author of *The Call of the Forest: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees*) will attend. Topics covered are featured in the green box.

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Name: Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series – Garden Pests and Pathogens

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Details: Hosted at the Centre for Urban Ecology, Humber Arboretum, workshops will take place on Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 23 and Apr. 13, 2019. Stay tuned. To register please visit: humberarb.eventbrite.ca

Join the Etobicoke Master Gardeners at the Humber Arboretum for free gardening workshops!
Saturdays, 10 am - Noon

Birds, Bees, and Veggies (August 18, 2018)*
Garden Pests and Pathogens (November 17, 2018)
Native Plant Gardening 101 (January 19, 2019)
Pruning & Tool Care (February 23, 2019)
Native Tree and Shrubs Tour (April 13, 2019)*

*Outdoor component, weather permitting.

At the Centre for Urban Ecology
Humber Arboretum
205 Humber College Blvd, Toronto
416-475-5000
arboretum@humber.ca

Register at humberarb.eventbrite.ca

Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series

Etobicoke Master Gardeners
www.etobicoke.org/mastergardeners.ca

HUMBER ARBORETUM



London – Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: 2019 Garden Tour of England with the Garden Club of London

Date: June 15-28, 2019

Details: The tour covers many prestigious and beautiful gardens. In June we expect to find roses, flowering shrubs, delphiniums, foxgloves, geraniums, irises, penstemons, clematis and more.

If interested, contact Ruth Adams of Vision Travel, 529 Richmond St., London ON N6A 3E8.
226-927-4061 (Direct Line) or 1-800-465-4437 Ext. 281
(Toll free) E-mail: ruth.adams@visiontravel.ca

Please contact Linda Armstrong, London – Middlesex Master Gardeners for an itinerary.
lrarmstrong@sympatico.ca

Richters Herbs

Details: Richters Herbs offers seminars at their greenhouse location throughout the year. For more information visit:

https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=./events/events.html&cart_id=2154123.16186.

They also offer free on-line seminars at:

<https://www.richters.com/show.cgi?page=events/events2016.html>.

The 2018 Richters catalogue, filled with culinary, medicinal, and aromatic herbs and seeds, is available.

