



*Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario*

# Inside

# MGOI

Welcome to the October edition of *Inside MGOI*, 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 30 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. The Newsletter features member milestones, group projects and activities, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. Please feel free to submit pictures – they are most welcome!

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## Milestones

### Master Gardeners of Ottawa – Carleton

#### 2020 MGOC Golden Trowel Award

Kelly Noel

MGOC is fortunate to have many dedicated and experienced gardeners. The winner of the MGOC Golden Trowel Award for 2020 however is someone who has been truly exceptional in her willingness to support MGOC members, both publicly and behind-the-scenes. The recipient of this award is Kelly Noel.

Kelly joined MGOC in March 2003, more than seventeen years ago. She continues to attend meetings regularly where she participates fully, sharing her skills, wisdom and down-to-earth common sense.

She has a vast store of historical knowledge about MGOC and therefore has been exceedingly helpful in mentoring our new executive members. Coordinators and other executive members rotate on and off the MGOC Board but Kelly provides ongoing and important links around MGOC policies and procedures, connecting us to our provincial organization. Until this month, she has been Director of Communications for MGOI – 13 years service on the Board.

She is highly qualified when it comes to technology, always ready to share her skills when organizing talks, meetings and presentations. This includes MGOCs move to online meetings during the pandemic.

Kelly is always willing to take on new tasks, initiatives and projects, acting as a sage voice of reason when key decisions are made.

She also coordinates and arranges peer-review of articles sent regularly to the magazine *Fifty Five Plus* and MGOCs own newsletter, *Trowel Talk*.

In addition, Kelly is a very generous community volunteer. She is the Past-President of her garden club, a member of the Ottawa Horticultural Society, webmaster for the Ontario Daylily Society, and has just retired from her condo board. Kelly also oversees the care of the gardens on the grounds of the condo building.

Kelly is an avid gardener who continues to inspire us with her knowledge of plants, especially daylilies.



*Kelly in the small garden behind her condo*



### Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

#### New Master Gardener in Training

Aleksa Kaye

Aleksa is a keen gardener and yoga instructor. She lives in Wellington with her husband, Charles. She had already completed the first course at U of Guelph and will be taking the second one this winter.



Aleksa has extensive experience in volunteer work both in the UK and Canada and brings a lot of expertise to our group organizing events. Her interests are permaculture, forest gardening, native plants, herb gardens and edible gardens.

We all look forward to working with Aleksa and, once the restrictions of the pandemic begin to lift, someday meeting her in person.

Welcome Aleksa!



## Member Transfer

Colette Mckinnon

Colette recently moved with her husband Steve to Bloomfield. She comes to us from our friends at Rideau 1000 Islands and brings a passionate interest in permaculture and growing food. Rideau 1000 Islands has been hosting a weekly online "Ask A Master Gardener" and Colette has been recording much of the content onto a blog. We are, as a group, way behind Rideau 1000 Island MGs and welcome Colette and her experience with online and virtual meetings and events. Who knows, we may even find ourselves catapulted into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.... Welcome Colette!



*Colette and Rosie*



## Georgian Bay Master Gardeners

### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Fran Stewart

Barbara Jackson



*Fran, left and Barbara, right with their certificates*

It has been a quiet season for our group but we have been able to meet outdoors during the warm months. Barbara and Fran completed their Dalhousie courses in the spring and we presented them with their certificates at our September meeting, held in the garden of our Coordinator, Anne Bossart.



## Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Meg Blay

Meg is pursuing self study. She is working on professional designation as a landscape architect (L.A.R.E. - Landscape Architecture Registration Examination). She will take the SITES AP (The Sustainable Sites Initiative – Accredited Professional) exam over the winter.

Mindy Baroody

Mindy is a biology student at Queen's U and is interested in foodscaping. She has extensive volunteer experience helping the community to be better.

Cathy Christie

Cathy is pursuing self study. She is Chair of KASSI (Kingston Area Seed System Initiative), holds a PhD in Biology, and is an Associate Professor at Queen's U in the Faculty of Education.

Ruthie Cummings

Ruthie is pursuing self study. She is interested in Mushroom ID, wild crafting/scaping, and earthworms.

Barb Danielewski

Barb is pursuing self study. She is interested in drought resistant gardening, growing/harvesting food for Root Radical, stormwater management, and is a grow4good ambassador.

Susie Everding

Susie is taking her courses through the U of Guelph. She ran a small CSA / special veggies operation, converted her large front yard into a vegetable garden with espaliered fruit trees, and is interested in native plants.

Gracelynn Lau

Gracelynn is pursuing self study. She is interested in horticulture therapy, permaculture, and in doing a PhD in nature-based expressive arts therapy.

Marie McKenna

Marie is taking her horticulture courses through the U of Guelph. She has 35 acres of land. She has taken horticulture courses at SLC (St. Lawrence College).





## Grey County Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardener in Training

Jennifer Deeks



*Pictured left to right – Vicky Thompson, Jennifer Deeks, Paul Statia (member emeritus) and Karen Young*

We were delighted to meet our new MGIT, Jennifer Deeks, in person at our only non-ZOOM event this year. We had a very soggy hike along Silent Valley Trail in Bruce County.



## Etobicoke Master Gardeners

### 15 Year Anniversary

Tania Kroman

### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Janet Haynes Graham

Congratulations!



## Niagara Master Gardeners

### 25 Year Anniversary

Vivian Shoalts

Vivian is a long time member of our Niagara group and has been very involved in our community. She has conducted workshops at local libraries, done workshops on planters for community groups, and has been a long time contributor to gardening advice columns for local newspapers. She has also found time to be on the board of a garden club.



*Vivian Shoalts*

### Twenty Year Anniversary

June Streadwick

Here in Niagara, June has been our Coordinator, and she coordinates the monthly workshops at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. She has been on the Education Committee as the Director of Education for Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. In addition, she coordinates the Niagara Summer Workshops which take place yearly at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. June is always a willing participant who assists wherever she can.



*June Streadwick*



## 15 Year Anniversary

Wendy Fletcher

Wendy has served as treasurer of MGOI. At this time, she coordinates our speakers and programme for our monthly meetings. She has served as Coordinator for our group also. She served as treasurer for District 9 OHA (Ontario Horticultural Society) when this group hosted the convention in 2012. Wendy is very involved in all things to do with horticulture, including sitting on the Boards for the Grimsby Garden



Club, the Lincoln Garden Club, and the Niagara Rhododendron Society.

## Five Year Anniversary

Marg Tanaszi

Marg is very involved in our group as well as being President of the Port Colborne Garden Club and District 9 Director for the OHA.



## Master Gardener Status Achieved

Carol Tuck-Riggs  
Marcey Leggett  
Michelle Young

Carol is now the treasurer for MGOI.

## New Master Gardeners in Training

Brenda Sawchuk  
Brenda is from Ontario but is transferring into our group from Arizona Master Gardeners.  
Chrissy Wozniak  
Mark Denee  
Eva Maria Weber  
Vivianne Tries  
Janet Ennamorato

Lois Johnson  
Janice Johnston  
Betty Knight  
Betty Moulton  
Caroline Novacek  
Kendy Steeves

Niagara now has a large number of MGITs. We have mentors for each of them. Even in this pandemic, we are growing. We have switched to hosting our meetings on Zoom because we feel it is important to maintain contact with our members.



## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

### Twenty Year Anniversary

Linda Rintamaki

Congratulations Linda for recently achieving 20 years volunteering with Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners. Linda always has a presence at our events. Over many years she has been helping our group achieve successful and quality events while offering sound gardening advice to Thunder Bay gardeners.

Unfortunately, we have yet to meet to celebrate Linda's achievement but look forward to honouring her when we are able to meet once again.



*Master Gardener Linda Rintamaki*



## Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Award ~ Spirit of Thunder Bay Award

Lynda Lahteenmaa

This special award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time toward improving and enriching the community of Thunder Bay. This is an individual who has shown extraordinary leadership, innovation and meaningful voluntary contributions and has a minimum of 15 years of cumulative volunteer experience in Thunder Bay.

This year the award was presented to our very own Thunder Bay & District Master Gardener Lynda Lahteenmaa who was nominated by the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. An MG for over 20 years and a certified Horticultural Therapist, Lynda firmly believes that 'gardening goes beyond cultivation of the soil'. It is a pursuit that promotes wellness, creativity, and joy. Through her many presentations and Horticultural Therapy activities in the community, Lynda shares these enduring values.

Thunder Bay Art Gallery has long collaborated with the Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners on the Annual Art Gallery Garden Tour. As an MG, Lynda has been an integral part of that collaboration. For 15 years she has volunteered her time and has encouraged dozens of gardeners in our community to find joy in opening their gardens to the public. Utilizing her 20 years' experience as a MG, Lynda has presented at teaching sessions at the Home and Garden Show, Seedy Saturday gatherings, our Look, Listen & Learn sessions and other events.

Lynda's gardening passion lead her to the study of Horticultural Therapy (HT) – a formal practice that uses plants, horticultural activities and the garden landscape to promote wellbeing for participants. Working with management and staff at Hogarth Riverview Manor (HRM), Lynda established a Horticultural Therapy Program for residents living with dementia. Her gentle leadership has also guided the creation of a significant outdoor garden that brings sensory joys into the lives of residents and their families.

Lynda has done much to raise awareness of Horticultural Therapy and pursued HT certification before its positive benefits were widely recognized, encouraging people to move forward with the idea and inspiring volunteers.

A decade later she continues to help facilitate monthly HT sessions at HRM with other Master Gardeners, and the program has become a model for other organizations who support individuals living with dementia. Perhaps Lynda's contribution lies in her approach to volunteerism.

She is always learning, growing personally and offering advice with humility. Lynda deserves to be recognized for her willingness to share her gardening knowledge and passion in our community.

The official recognition of Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Awards was held virtually on Sept. 29, 2020



*Master Gardener Lynda Lahteenmaa with her award*



*Lynda also received flowers and a sign for her lawn*





## Introducing Your New Canada Blooms Team

By Adrienne Hanbidge, Director of Communications

Canada Blooms (CB) 2021 will showcase some new faces in managerial positions. Many of you may recognize these three dynamic women who have been participating in the show for a number of years.



Spearheading this new team will be **Dianne Azzarello, Toronto**, who, as Manager of MGOI Participation in the show, will sit on the CB Education Planning Committee and report to the MGOI Board of Directors. As well as this, she will also coordinate the immensely popular 4-day Speaker Series. Dianne has been a Master Gardener since 2017, is highly organized and has boundless energy. Since becoming an MG, she has moderated the CB Speaker Series and volunteered for many Advice Clinic shifts.

**Patty McKnight, Toronto** is our new Coordinator for the two Advice Clinic locations at the show. This job involves creating the daily schedule, utilizing the new on-line sign up system to make sure all shifts are staffed, and trouble shooting when necessary. Patty has been a Master Gardener since 2012, has been an CB Advice Clinic stalwart each year and has been involved with various administrative and organizational jobs within her group. With her technical skills, she keeps things running smoothly.

Coordinating the Children's Workshops is **Brigitte Richter, Toronto**. As a retired children's librarian this role is right up Brigitte's alley. A Master Gardener since 2012 with much administrative experience, her hands-on approach and attention to detail is legendary. She will be responsible for creating the program, researching and selecting the crafts, creating the educational component, writing any handout material, scheduling the volunteers, and making sure all needed supplies are on hand.

We feel extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful team in place to navigate the coming years. Who knows what's in store for us during these uncertain times, but stay tuned for some new ideas and opportunities.

*Dianne Azzarello*



*Patty McKnight*



*Brigitte Richter*



## Master Gardeners Out & About: Projects & Events

### Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

#### **Name: Narcissus Planting at Prince Edward Fitness & Aquatic Centre**

**Details:** PEC member Barbra Stock has been a member of PEFAC (Prince Edward Fitness & Aquatic Centre) for many years and when we launched our Fall Bulb Sale she launched a fundraiser at PEFAC. Barbra wanted to plant several hundred daffodils along the driveway at the entrance to the PEFAC facilities. The PEFAC members rallied and we, as an MG group, contributed by planting 440 daffodil bulbs. We made a day of it, inviting the press and the radio station. We look forward to the beauty of all those cheerful blooms next spring!

A special thank you to our dear friend and supporter Sharon Harrison from The Wellington Times who attends all our events and writes the best articles. Thanks Sharon!



*L to R: Aleksa Kaye, Sharon Harrison (Wellington Times), Margo Rivers, Cathy Thompson, Gail Walker, Carol Wilson  
Front: Barbra Stock and Colette McKinnon with Rosie. Photo: Ren Duinker*



*Gail Walker, Cathy Thompson, Carol Wilson, Sharon Harrison, Colette McKinnon. Photo: Margo Rivers*

#### **Name: A COVID-19 Safe Fall Bulb Sale**

*by Gail Walker*

**Details:** PEC MGs lost our two key fundraising activities (May Plant Sale and a 4 week-end consumer consulting contract with a local Your Independent Grocer) this year over health concerns. At the same time, we have 8 MGITs in our small chapter of 21 members. As we subsidize tuition expenses and pay for MGOI fees, this put a strain on finances. Undaunted, MGIT Gail Walker found a COVID-19 safe solution by partnering with the Florissa Fundraising arm of Van Noort Bulbs of Langley B.C. to have a Spring Flowering Bulb Sale. Florissa provided us with a web page and full on-line services for our customers to order and pay for their bulbs. Customers had the option to pay for Canada Post delivery or to enjoy free delivery with local curbside pick-up.



Our members spread the word by reaching out to friends, family, neighbours and the general public using social media, email, phone calls and unpaid advertising on a local website. We quickly blew past our fundraising objective of \$1,500 to raise \$2,983 setting a sales record with Florissa!

A total of 99 supporters spent an average of \$27 and bought 467 packages of spring blooming bulbs. Our initiative with Prince Edward Fitness & Aquatic Centre made up the balance of the sales. Our bulk delivery arrived just after Thanksgiving and we offered 2 pick-up times in both Belleville and Picton. With no money to change hands, a brief outdoor contact quickly connected the bulbs to the gardeners. We are looking forward to greeting spring with a lot of beautiful blossoms in our region.



*Andie Wiens, Susan Warrack, Nikita.  
Photo by Cathy Thompson*





## The Face of Prince Edward County

By Ren Duinker

As Master Gardeners we are always very involved in our communities and we get to know our neighbours. Recently, fellow MG Susan Warrack and I were driving around The County and I was stopping along the way to take photographs of the glories of autumn for this newsletter.

At one stop, a farmer came out from behind his tractor and at that moment I was presented with the genuine, original face of The County. This is Don Williams, an eighth generation County farmer whose family has been working Wilhome Farms for 200 years!

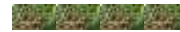
It is a very busy time of year for farmers, but County people always have time for a chat with their neighbours. Listening to Don talk about the land and the soil, it became clear to Susan and me that he knew more about the soil than the combined wisdom of all of MGOI!

We listened as Don pointed to a symbol on the side of his barn and told us it was designed for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their farm.

The green, he told us, represents the land, the blue the water and the sky, and the yellow, the family. He looked up, smiled and said, "they all have to work together".



What a delight to meet Don; I can't think of a better photo to submit.



## Stratford & Area Master Gardeners

### Name: Native Plants

**Details:** The Stratford Master Gardeners have embarked on a project to liaise with other like-minded organizations in our community. We are in the early stages of reaching out to them with the aim of pooling our ideas and resources.

One of the projects under consideration would involve an attempt to raise the percentage of native plants to the 30% threshold which is suggested by Doug Tallamy. It would involve a survey of the current status, and a public education component to help people decide to plant natives. We are excited to work more closely with organizations in our community.

Link to the Doug Tallamy video:

<https://www.facebook.com/60863313209/videos/464353414521403>



## Grey County Master Gardeners

**Name:** Welcoming Garden at Grey Bruce Regional Hospital with Neighbourhoods North, Owen Sound

**Details:** Throughout this very quiet summer, one project has been moving forward. We have been supporting Neighbourhoods North in Owen Sound with their project at the Grey Bruce Regional Health Care Centre.



The group is gradually naturalizing the hospital grounds and one of this year's projects was to turn a large traffic island at the entrance to the hospital into a "Welcoming Garden".

Grey County Master Gardeners contributed financially and also provided assistance with plant choices, planning, planting and maintenance.

Already the plantings bring pleasure to the many people entering the hospital each day.



*Before*



*After*



## Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

**Name:** Guelph Symphony Orchestra Collaboration with Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

**Details:** In the August newsletter we reported on a collaboration between GWMGs and the Guelph Symphony Orchestra.

All eight of the garden performances are now available for hearing and viewing on YouTube:

<https://guelphsymphony.com/garden-performances-2020/>



## **Etobicoke Master Gardeners**

### **Name: Monthly Meetings**

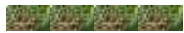
**Details:** Now on Zoom, EMG continues to hold our monthly meeting virtually.

### **Name: Long Branch Tree Fest**

**Details:** On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association hosted a virtual version of its annual Tree Fest. EMG supported the event by scheduling a presentation on pruning trees and shrubs and two virtual advice clinics, all live on Zoom.

A small but engaged group joined in, raised some questions and listened while some of our members discussed several topics, including challenges and best practices.

As EMGs first virtual interaction with the community, this was a novel but interesting learning experience for all participants.



## **Durham Master Gardeners**

### **Name: Oshawa City Hall Giving Gardens**

**Co-leads:** Anne Van de Velde and Helen Vander Byl

**Details:** The Durham Master Gardeners, in partnership with The Oshawa Garden Club and the City of Oshawa, planted, cared for and harvested nine garden beds located at Oshawa City Hall. A true “Covid Project”, these beds were repurposed from flower beds to vegetable gardens with all of the produce donated to ‘Feed the Need Durham’, an organization that services 65 food banks in the Durham Region.

Durham MGs tended four of the garden beds and delivered a total of 372 pounds of fresh produce (kale, beets, parsnips, several varieties of squash, beans, spinach, onions, carrots, cabbage and peas) to ‘Feed the Need’ to support families experiencing food insecurity.

Some of the team’s favourite experiences were painting rocks with their children and neighbourhood kids to use as plant markers; engaging with passersby on the best ways to plant and harvest veggies; learning from each other; receiving 1,000 shares on Facebook;

making the front page of the local newspaper; and being featured on the CTV Toronto 6 pm news as “The Good News Story of the Day” and seeing our veggies across the nation on the CTV National news.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> we did a final cleanup of the beds and held a small project end celebration at which City of Oshawa officials presented us with certificates of appreciation recognizing our hard work and dedication to the project. This project allowed us to connect to our community in a very special way and helped fill a significant need, which was very rewarding.



*Cori Whittington and Isia Yeo were regular helpers at the Giving Gardens.*

Our biggest challenge meant replanting what wildlife either dug up or helped themselves to: in particular the squirrels and chipmunks fancied squash and bean plants!

We are hopeful that we will be invited to participate in this fantastic endeavour again next year.



*Anne Van de Velde with a carload of veggies for Feed the Need.*





## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

### Name: Mentoring at Its Finest ~ Nurturing Life Through Gardening

**Details:** The therapeutic benefits of plants, gardening, and nature-related experiences are becoming more clearly understood as more research on the benefits of horticultural therapy are explored. An increasing number of gardens are being created at health and human care centres more than ever.

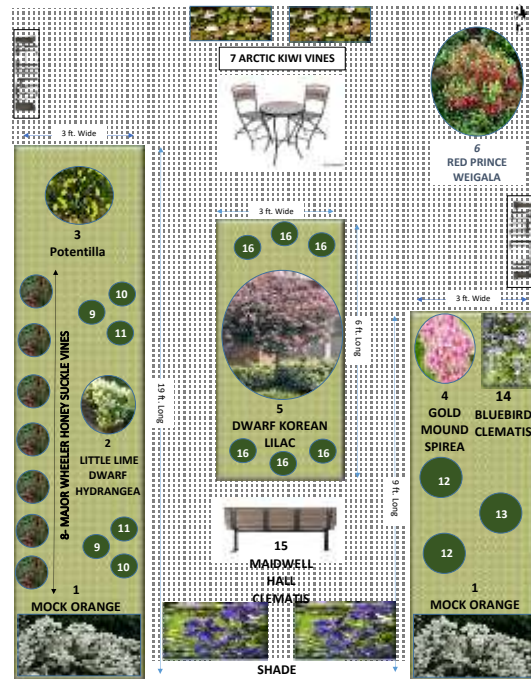
Thunder Bay & District MGs are involved in creating some of these health promoting gardens. Rosemary McNabb and Andrea Steinhäusser, two of our MGITs under the mentorship of MG Lynda Lahtenmaa, have taken on a project for St. Joseph Heritage, Manor House. They are designing and creating a passive therapeutic landscape to offer a restorative place for Day Care Program clients, visiting family members, as well as staff and volunteers.

The Manor House offers a social and recreational day program for older adults who have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The goal is to design a garden that will meet the needs of the client. It has to be safe with accessible safety supportive features and non-toxic plantings both dermal and oral, with emphasis on their sensory qualities to stimulate senses, memory, conversation and activities. Old fashioned plants are ideal; they are familiar plants to which clients can respond and they offer positive reminiscences of their past gardens and gardening experiences and skills.



*Evaluating the site for the future restorative therapeutic garden are, left to right: Lisa Petersen, Manager of Specialized Geriatric Care Services, St. Joseph Care Group, and MGITs Rosemary McNabb and Andrea Steinhäusser*

In providing outdoor spaces for peacefulness, beauty, company and solitude the garden will afford respite for anyone who seeks it.



### Name: Maintaining the Safety of Our Members During Current Challenges

**Details:** Getting together to do the administrative work of Thunder Bay & District MGs while making sure that everyone stays safe and healthy has resulted in holding our monthly meetings utilizing online conferencing. With the idea of enjoying some of the beautiful fall weather in our area we took a much needed break from the virtual platform and held our October meeting outdoors at the beautiful Canadian Cancer Society Hope and Memory Garden. It was a welcome change and we also got to enjoy the flowers and foliage as they showed off their spectacular colours!



*MGs (around the circle, left to right) Carole Mccollum, Andrea Steinhäusser, Louise Nadeau, Rosemary McNabb, Lynda Bobinski, Linda Sharp and Sylvia Goodheart - wearing their masks, practicing social distancing while participating in a lively discussion*



## Brantford Master Gardeners

### Name: Interesting Websites

**Details:** Here again are the BMGs listings of interesting websites published in previous issues of *Inside MGOI*. Enjoy!

#### Bringing Nature Home-Catskill Nature Nursery

<https://www.facebook.com/266259994940/posts/10158103043124941/?sfnsn=mo>

#### The Growing Season

<https://growingseasoncanada.com/>

#### RBG At Home

<https://www.rbg.ca/athome>

#### Garden Making Magazine-Virtual Tour of Famous Gardens and Interesting Sites

[https://gardenmaking.com/enjoy-a-virtual-tour-of-famous-gardens/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+17+2020](https://gardenmaking.com/enjoy-a-virtual-tour-of-famous-gardens/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+17+2020)

#### Bird Song Opera

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMXD4h5w8D8>

#### Terra Greenhouses Workshops

<https://terragreenhouses.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5b994a7ca609d19fdd95ceeca&id=18a1d58804&e=8ca039d1a6>

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*Senna didymobotrya* (Popcorn Cassia)  
Photo courtesy of PEC MG Virginia Mitchell



*Solanum lycopersicum* (Tomato 'Pruden's Purple' --  
(not ripe yet)  
Photo courtesy of PEC MG Virginia Mitchell

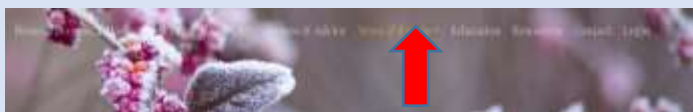


## Upcoming Events

### MGOI Website

**Details:** If you would like your Master Gardener event posted on the MGOI website under the **News & Events** tab, please send details to our webmaster Jim Cook at [webmaster@mgoi.ca](mailto:webmaster@mgoi.ca).

Images need to be in .jpeg or .png format.



### Toronto Master Gardeners

#### Save the Date! Technical Update 2021!

**Topic: Beat the Winter Blues**

**Date:** Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** comfort of home via Zoom

**Cost:** \$25

**Speakers:**

- Niki Jabbour
- Joyce Hostyn
- Darryl Cheng



### Upcoming Events on Hold

*N.B. These upcoming events are currently on hold.*

### Stratford Master Gardeners

#### POSTPONED!! Technical Update

**Information:**

We had asked you to save the date of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for our Technical Update, *Gardening for the Planet: Creating Biodiverse Habitats in Our Gardens*.

As a result of COVID-19 we postponed the event rather than leave people uncertain as to whether it would go ahead.

We will re-schedule as soon as the situation becomes clearer. We hope to see you there!

### Halton Master Gardeners

#### Postponed! Technical Update! Stay Tuned!

**Topic: Refugia: the future of gardening**

**Original Date:** Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Location:** Waterdown, ON

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Christina Davy, Research Scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources
- Catherine Kavassalis, Halton Region Master Gardener
- Paul Gellatly, Director of Horticulture, Toronto Botanical Garden
- Claudette Sims, Past-President MGOI
- Other special guests TBA

### Name: 2020 Atlantic Master Gardener Conference – Cancelled until Summer 2021

**Topic: Designing Adaptive Gardens in Atlantic Canada**

**Location:** Truro, NS on July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Keynote Speaker:** Julie Moir Messervy, award winning landscape designer from Vermont and author of *New Landscaping Ideas that Work* and other books, has indicated that she is willing to come next year. Registrants will have their money refunded ASAP.

