



*Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario*

# Inside

# MGOI

Welcome to the August 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

### Peterborough Master Gardeners

#### 20 Year Anniversary

Chris Tewsley

#### Profile

Chris celebrates 20 years as a Master Gardener this summer. Over the years she has volunteered at many advice booths at the Farmers Market, at several Peterborough Garden Shows, and has been involved with Ecology Park. When we had our MG telephone hotline, she answered questions that came through. Chris has also opened her gardens to the PMGs for gatherings. We were able to present Chris with her 20 year badge when she opened her gardens again this past weekend. Congratulations!



#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Jennifer Guertin

We presented Jennifer Guertin with her Master Gardener certificate and cheque. Congratulations, Jenn!



### Guelph & Wellington County Master Gardeners

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Elizabeth Steggles

We were not able to celebrate Elizabeth's achievement before the lockdown. Hopefully we can do something when we meet over Zoom.

#### New Master Gardener in Training

Lee Anne Downey

Lee Anne has a Lavender farm and several members have already been to visit her. We are happy to welcome her and are looking forward to meeting her in person!



### Simcoe County Master Gardeners

#### 15 Year Anniversary

Joan Nieman-Agapas  
Kevin VanAndel

#### 10 Year Anniversary

Christine March

#### 5 Year Anniversary

Pat Cook



### Master Gardeners of Ottawa – Carleton

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Angelina Singson

#### New Master Gardeners in Training

Mary Crawford  
Brigitte Boudreau-Cassidy  
Belinda Boekhoven



## Algoma Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Annette Peltier-Flamand, Manitoulin Island

Michelle Paton, Bruce Mines

Welcome!



## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardener in Training

Kaylee Ritchie

Thunder Bay & District MGs are proud to introduce our newest Master Gardener in Training ~ Kaylee Ritchie.

Kaylee is highly enthusiastic and is very eager and interested to learn all she can about gardening. In joining our group, it was important for her to be connected to like-minded people with sound horticultural knowledge such as the Master Gardeners.

Kaylee is such a delight to talk to as she shares her exciting experiences in propagating plants through seeds, growing loofas and ground cherries, as well as her interest and passion in learning more about the living soil. We welcome Kaylee to our group of Master Gardeners in Training, and when the time is right we will be able to get together and take pictures of our newest member to share with you.



## London Middlesex Master Gardeners

### 35 Year Anniversary

Eva Norman-Vestergaard

It is an honour to have Eva in our London Middlesex MG group. She was one of the founding members of our MG group when it began in 1985.

Eva is a continually keen volunteer and a knowledgeable mentor to our MG membership. Besides being a Master Gardener, she also is a member of the London Garden Club, an Ontario Horticultural Judge, as well as an active member in a couple of London area horticultural societies.

She is an avid gardener with a passion for growing heritage tomatoes and many different vegetables and unique fruits, all from seed of course.

Eva said, "Whether success or failure it is worth the effort, there is so much to learn from gardening and sharing the rewards."



*Eva wearing the bright red 35-year Master Gardener name badge – the first person in MG01 to reach this milestone.*





## The President's Corner

By Claudette Sims, President MGOI

### ***President's Report for August 2020***

#### *Covid-19 / Coordinators' Conference & AGM*

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the AGM & Coordinators' Conference on October 17<sup>th</sup> will be held virtually using Zoom. Watch for details on that tab in the members' section of our website.
- Many groups are turning to virtual platforms for meetings and to reach out to the public. This is a perfect opportunity to share tech expertise to support each other. Groups are still accepting members and just recently, the Eligibility Test has been made available to administer online (see more information on page 5). Please let us know about any speakers who are able to present virtually to Master Gardener groups. Let us know the ways in which your group is coping and adapting. Some groups are also planning virtual Tech Updates – stay tuned for more!
- Remote learning: There are a number of courses on plants and plant ID on Memrise that members may find interesting: <https://app.memrise.com/courses/english/plants-trees-and-fruits/>

#### *Cochrane & District MGs*

- Pam Dallaire is proud to announce that her group now has 10 members. As such, they will no longer be a satellite group and will have a vote at the October AGM. Congrats to Pam and Coordinator Aide Zarkovich!

#### *Motions re: Volunteer Hours and Activities*

All members should have received email information from their Coordinator about 2 recent motions made by the Board of Directors re: volunteer hours. (If you haven't received this information, please visit the AGM & Coordinators' Conference tab in the members section of our website.)

First and foremost, the changes were suggested as a result of a Survey Monkey consultation with our membership in 2019. Secondly, the changes were deemed necessary to address the fact that we continue to lose members, especially MGITs.

The first motion was to add mentoring as an allowable volunteer hour activity. The second motion was to allow any combination of administrative and advice hours to fulfill our 30 hours of volunteer service. The current policy is to have members do 20 hours of advice time and 10 hours of administrative time. Members have told us that tracking two categories was confusing and challenging, especially when working on social media.

Some groups are embracing the change, while others have concerns. Interestingly, some members/groups are concerned that willingness to do advice hours will diminish, while others are worried that members will not want to do administrative hours. Groups will be free to set expectations within their group when members join and apply those expectations to the current membership. For instance, many groups already encourage all members to take on some kind of administrative role that lightens the load for everyone. Having a variety of bigger and smaller job descriptions ensures that there is something for everyone, from our newest members



to our more long-term members. Groups can also set expectations for members to participate in giving advice to the public. Hopefully this is offered using a variety of platforms (virtual and in person) that appeal to different individuals.

Some have concerns that the timing of this change during the Covid-19 pandemic is adding to the stress that groups are already feeling. Covid-19 has made it clear that we have to shift from the traditional methods of connecting to the public via tables / booths / events at least in the short term. Some groups have already embraced this shift and continue to innovate.

In a recent conversation, Vice-President Karen Sciuk said it best:

*“Each (Master Gardener) group is a team. The team as a whole will not function if a balance of administrative and advice giving duties is not achieved. It is the group's mandate to educate the public about horticulture so this will not happen adequately if their members do not work together. If less emphasis is placed on an individual MG fulfilling their own volunteer hours and receiving their own individual status as an expert, but with more emphasis supporting the group as an advice giving entity, then more knowledge will be shared, more mentoring will happen, more members will step up for administrative duties, and continuity will be better.”*

Our hope is that this new policy will focus more on the actual work we do as Master Gardeners and less on the paperwork.



#### Doing the INTERVIEW and ELIGIBILITY TEST online.

In my group, prospective MGs are interviewed by 2-member “teams”. Two interviews were done this summer in backyards with social distancing, but our most recent candidate is still working and did not have transportation in the evening. Fortunately she said she was very comfortable with technology so we did it online. Suzanne Zacharczyk, Etobicoke, had set up the Eligibility Test on Survey Monkey using me as her test case so I was familiar with how it would work. I asked Suzanne for a link to the test, set the interview time (using GoToMeeting because I have a licence). As we usually do when in-person, we chatted for a few minutes and then I asked the candidate to “share screen” and sent her the test link by email. She did the test – we turned off our microphones but could still see the candidate and the test going by on the screen. Suzanne has set it up so that, when the test is complete, the score is given and the test is displayed showing the candidate’s answers and correct answers. As usual, we went over the wrong answers with the candidate. And then we continued our interview – 3 talking heads on the screen – something we all have seen so much of since mid-March!! This procedure worked very well for us and will be useful during the winter as long as the virus is among us.

If this fits with your interview procedure and you are interested in doing one online using the Survey Monkey Eligibility Test, contact Suzanne Zacharczyk for information at [gardensinthecity@rogers.com](mailto:gardensinthecity@rogers.com)

Kelly Noel, Ottawa-Carleton



## A Moment for Membership

By Maureen Hulbert, Director at Large  
August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Mentoring Time Now Counts Toward Your Volunteer Hours

Effective July 2020 the MGOI board passed a motion to add mentoring time as an acceptable activity in our volunteer hours requirements category. This is for both the mentor and the mentee.

Mentoring time may be counted as volunteer hours as long as you are not already claiming those hours, e.g. for time served at an advice clinic.

#### Why did this come about?

In the Retention Survey of 2019, many of you indicated the number one way to strengthen our organization and improve our retention rates was to address mentorship.

New members told us that they feel overwhelmed when they first join as they have to get used to new people, new information, new vocabulary and new ways of doing things. Existing members were looking for someone to support them in a new role such as group officer or committee member, or looking for a specialist in a particular area of gardening so they could develop their expertise.

Some of our long-term members were having challenges getting out to events as they were no longer comfortable driving at night and there are limited daytime events. Being a mentor would be an activity they could do by phone, email or in person at times convenient for both parties.

Developing and improving mentoring would benefit our organization and increase retention of our members.

If we want to encourage mentoring and support mentor/mentee relationships, we felt it was important to recognize the time invested in these efforts.

#### What's next?

The Mentorship Committee, led by Maureen Hulbert, Director at Large, and consisting of Ren Duinker, Prince Edward County, Kathleen Teahen, Ottawa-Carleton and Pam Dallaire, Cochrane, have been working on a mentorship program to support our Master Gardeners who are either looking for mentors or wanting to be a mentor. This will be introduced to your Coordinators at the Coordinators' Conference in October.

Please stay tuned for more exciting news!



## Websites Do Grow Memberships!

By Linda Peacock, Coordinator  
Simcoe County Master Gardeners

The article in the July newsletter regarding the website inquiries from the MGOI website reminded us what websites have done for our group this past year. We made a group decision two years ago to spend the money and improve our website with the aim of recruiting new members. Our group had dropped to 11 members and we knew we had to do something. Fast!

Since May of last year, we have had 6 new members join and 3 more have made inquiries this past summer! These new members all came to us from inquiries generated by both our newly improved website <https://simcoecountymg.ca> and the MGOI website [www.mgoi.ca](http://www.mgoi.ca)

**We are so pleased!** Our keen, new members are a refreshing addition to our group, and we would like to introduce them:

Shellby McNabb joined us May 2019 and she started our increase in members! She is working on self-study. Shellby has been learning a lot about fungi and has shared quite a bit of information on the subject during our monthly Zoom meetings.

Susie Cosack joined us September 2019 and is taking her courses at Dalhousie. She enjoys both vegetable and perennial gardening, her favourites being those that are reliable no matter what the season. She has been taking Horticultural Courses since 2008. Susie has been a great contributor to our Facebook page.

Diana Ivers joined us January 2020 and is taking her courses at Dalhousie. She is very informative in our meeting discussions and has shown us that she has a great knowledge base already.

Cathy Krar also joined us January 2020 and has chosen self-study. Cathy has already contributed to our website with an article "How Do You Like Those Raspberries?". Her knowledge of ornamentals and weeds is remarkable.

Marianne Lepa joined us May 2020 and has chosen self-study. Marianne attended a workshop presented by one of our members and decided to join us. She has provided us with informative online resources.

Karen Francis joined us May 2020 and is looking at her education path options. She has an amazing property with many ornamentals and edibles. Not to mention beehives!

**We can't wait to see who these websites bring us next!**



SCMG Meeting Shot





## Master Gardeners Out & About: Projects & Events

### Peterborough Master Gardeners

#### Name: Grateful Gardeners in Norwood

**Details:** We recently received an email from some grateful gardeners in Norwood, Ontario just east of Peterborough. They live in the same subdivision as Master Gardener Judy Bernard and have given her some very high praise for her suggestions on their new gardens (it's a new subdivision). This is what we are all about! Well done, Judy!

Jack and Barbara Aldan wrote:

*"We have had the wonderful opportunity to work and be mentored by Judy Bernard. We moved to Norwood Estates and this summer decided to create our first garden from scratch. Having never done this before, we were advised that there was a Master Gardener in our community.*

*Judy was extremely helpful in our desires to do something with our backyard. I spent about a month researching various shrubs to put in front of our fenced area. I would email my questions and Judy very kindly responded and sometimes questioned the shrubs to ensure that the final results, now and down the road, would fit our expectations. Originally some of our choices were going to be too large and she suggested that we consider something smaller. She constantly reassured us.*

*She taught us how to plant the shrubs by digging the right sized holes, how to help root-bound plants by loosening the roots so that they would grow well, how to use blood meal, and to use a fair amount of water while putting each in the ground.*

*She also taught us how to plant Hosta roots which we had never done before. She provided us with direction with respect to using a natural cedar mulch ... we ordered way too much so we bagged it to give away to our neighbours and friends.*

*Judy has been a true asset in our learning process. It has enabled us to have the backyard of our dreams.*

### Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

#### Name: Balcony Gardening Project

**Details:** We've all seen a huge surge of interest in gardening lately and most groups have been busy answering questions about how to grow vegetables. One of our most enthusiastic MGITs, Margo Rivers, came up with a fun way to work with the pandemic lockdown this spring and grow some food to demonstrate what is possible in a very small space.

A few of us got together for a garden lunch and Margo outlined her plans. She was planning a garden on her balcony and would keep us updated throughout the season.



*Left to Right: Margo Rivers, Ren Duinker and Susan Warrack, discussing the balcony garden design*

The balcony is approximately 9 feet by 5 feet and faces south-west. In mid-April she planted canna lilies, wildflowers, tomatoes and cucumbers indoors and then transplanted them into 9" pots and put them outside in mid-May.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the peas and green beans were planted outdoors.



*Beans July 3rd*





*Peas July 3rd*

Margo kept to the smaller varieties of tomatoes and planted cherry and grape tomatoes.



*Tomato plant June 21st*



*Cherry tomatoes ripening July 17th*

Gardening is never without challenges and, like many of us this summer in the hot conditions, on July 9<sup>th</sup> the Japanese beetles arrived. Fortunately they never got through the nettings.



Basil and dill were planted in a 10" pot and the wildflowers began to bloom.

Margo's balcony was a beautiful calm retreat that continues to soothe her spirits and supply her with fresh vegetables.

Thanks for sharing your journey Margo!



*Five Spot or Baby Blue Eyes  
(Nemophila maculata)*



## Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners

### Name: Guelph Symphony Orchestra Garden Concerts

**Details:** In July, Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners collaborated with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra which had not been able to perform since the outbreak of Covid-19. The goal was to record mini concerts that would enrich both auditory and visual senses in a format that respected safety but could be shared with the community. In all, eight concerts were recorded in eight very different gardens and with a broad range of musical instruments. It took a lot of coordination but, as you see from the photos, it was a magical experience for all involved ... including the frogs and birds that joined in .... yes, really!



*Members of the Guelph Symphony Orchestra with Suzanne Carter (MG) and Clementine the goat*



*Members of the Guelph Symphony Orchestra with Lee-Ann Downey (MGiT) and Elizabeth Steggles (MG)*



## Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

### Name: MGOC's Big Plant Give-Away

**Date:** August 14, 2020

**Details:** Usually, MGOC has a plant sale to raise money to support our members. This year, we decided to do it differently, helping out the local community in tough times. We had a big plant give-away instead.

MGOC member **Adair Heuchan** organized this event. In total, MGOC members plus a few neighbours and friends contributed a total of 165 potted and labeled perennials, shrubs and grasses from their own gardens.

Plants were delivered in mid-August to some worthy Ottawa community projects. Some plants went to Kitchissippi United Church where, in more normal times, MGOC meets. Volunteers there expressed their thanks and appreciation and planted them within hours of delivery.

Others went to volunteers working at downtown parks in Ottawa, including Dundonald Park on Somerset Street and a community park at the corner of Elgin Street and Gladstone Avenue. These plants were soon planted too.

Special thanks goes to **Adair** who spent a good chunk of her week driving to pick up and unload plants. Thanks too to **Nancy McDonald** and **Heather Clemenson** who agreed to offer their homes as pick-up points in the east and south ends of the city respectively.



*Adair (left) and Heather (right) with some donated plants*





It seemed like a good community project to take on in the midst of a pandemic.



*How many plants can you stash in the trunk to give away? Answer: Plenty*

Photos of Tower Hill Heritage Garden.



## Georgian Bay Master Gardeners

### **Name: Summer Meetings**

**Details:** The Georgian Bay MGs group is a small one, so we have been able to resume physical meetings outdoors for the summer. In July we met at the Tower Hill Heritage Garden in Parry Sound where most of us volunteer and hold advice clinics and workshops. Here we are making plans for our next project: a drought-resistant demonstration planting. The Garden is a particularly lovely spot with a long history overlooking the town and harbour, originally the site of a fire lookout tower.



*GBMGs at Tower Hill*

## Brantford Master Gardeners

### Name: Brantford Master Gardeners Update Details:

#### Monthly Meetings

BMG continues to hold our monthly meetings via Zoom to keep our members engaged.

#### Online Education

One of our members, Anne Saunders, recommends watching this informative video on U-Tube about '**20 Crops You Can Still Grow in August**'. Click the link to watch.  
<https://youtu.be/538cfJRPqqA>

#### BMG Open Garden Tour

The August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Open Garden Tour was cancelled as the hosts felt their gardens were not in the best of conditions due to the very hot and dry month of July.

#### BMG Website

Several of our fellow MGs have written about '**What Value Is There in Being A Master Gardener**' and Liz Stacey has posted these quotes on our BMG website.

Here is a quote from MG Anne Saunders:

*"To me, the most valuable part of the Master Gardener Organisation is the education I've received, learning new things about plants and gardening.*

*I also enjoy meeting and speaking to/sharing ideas with people who also share my passion for all things gardening.*

*I joined MGs because I wanted to learn more and formalise my knowledge. I also enjoy meeting with the public and potentially inspiring them to become gardeners, too.*

*And my guilty pleasure is qualifying for the title. "*

Another quote from MGIt Ingrid Di Lorenzo:

*"First, I love the prestige of being able to call myself a Master Gardener.*

*Secondly, being able to help others in their quest for their own special garden and passing on what I learned to someone else. I love giving back to my community in so many ways, whether that's through events, scheduled lectures or just conversations about the joy of plants and nature.*

*Third, I think one of the best things about being a Master Gardener is just how much fun I have! "*



## Toronto Master Gardeners

### Name: Horticultural Advice in the Time of Covid-19

**Details:** In response to the wave of public interest in gardening that exploded in the last few months, the Toronto MGs took a deep breath and dived into the waters of Zoom.

That was April. Time was of the essence. The goal was to reach out and engage novice gardeners at home who were desperate to grow something green as Spring approached. Our maiden voyage was a series of weekly virtual advice clinics in partnership with Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG); these Zoom sessions were moderated by TBG Director of Communications Jenny Rodenizer and led by veteran TMGs Tena van Andel and Pat de Valence.

Encouraged by the positive feedback, in late May we followed up with 2-part talk *Top Tips for Top Vegetables*, again in partnership with TBG and this time presented by TMG Helen Battersby. We were positively surprised by the record number of registrants—250—which resulted in TBG upgrading its Zoom membership plan! In total, we had over 1000 registrants, 35% of whom had never participated in a TBG event.

May was also TMGs first ever virtual monthly meeting, via (you guessed it) Zoom; as our members become more comfortable with the platform, we expect that soon we





will have to upgrade our Zoom membership plan too (the current plan is limited to 100 participants).

By June we were feeling more adventurous and jumped onto the Toronto Public Library (TPL) bandwagon to offer *Vegetables to Plant in Midsummer*, presented by TMGs Gail Bebee and Helen Battersby, via Jitsi. We were again encouraged by the higher than usual number of registrants for the presentation, and hope to offer more in partnership with TPL in the future.

Virtual conferencing is here to stay ... for the foreseeable future anyway. In light of this, the TMG 2021 Technical Update on January 10<sup>th</sup> will be a virtual conference.

We look forward to offering more horticultural presentations and advice virtually in the next few months, in the hope of reaching an ever-wider audience.



## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

### Name: Zoom Meetings

**Details:** At the moment we continue with our Zoom meetings which have been important in maintaining continuity, focusing on future projects and commitments.



## 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)

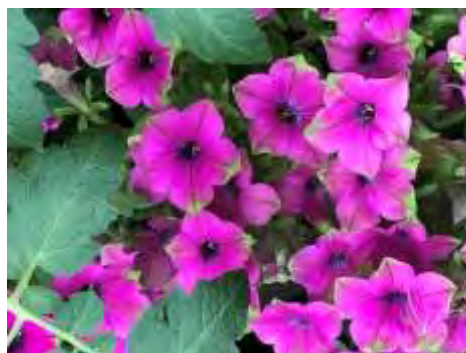
#### Bird Song Opera

<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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## Upcoming Events

### Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

#### Name: Online Fall Bulb Sale

**Date:** August 8<sup>th</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Details:** So many of us had to cancel our annual plant sale. This has left a huge hole in our funds and seriously limited our ability to do our work and support our MGITs.

So, we're having an online Fall Bulb Sale using the Florissa Fundraising platform.

PECMGs will receive 50% of all sales.

You can place your order here:

<https://florissafundraising.com/princeedward>



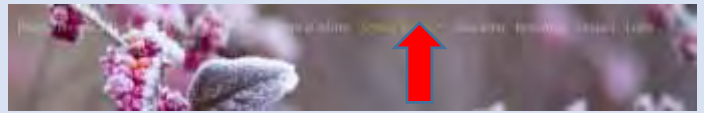
### 2020 Coordinators' Conference SAVE THE DATE – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Details:** This year's conference will proceed virtually.

#### Name: 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.



## Upcoming Events on Hold

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

### Master Gardeners of Ottawa - Carleton ON HOLD! Lectures – 2020 Series Lineup

### Stratford Master Gardeners

#### POSTPONED!! Technical Update Information:

We 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 felt that we should postpone 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!

### 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 *Landscaping Ideas that Work* and other books, has indicated that she is willing to come next year. Registrants will have their money refunded ASAP.



## Halton Master Gardeners

### Postponed! Technical Update

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

**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, President MGOI
- Other special guests TBA

## *Special Summer Feature – the Gardens of Ontario Master Gardeners*

### *Emma Murphy, Peterborough Master Gardeners*

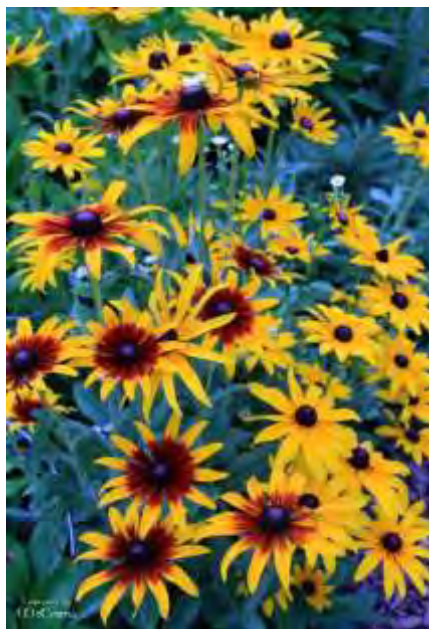
Some favourite flowers in Beryl Harris' and my garden.



*Beryl Harris' Daylily*



*A favourite Iris*



*Rudbeckia*



*Echinacea*





Pretty in pink!



In all the years I've started petunias from seed this is the first time I've had crop failure. But I had saved some seeds from *Petunia exserta* in 2019 so planted those in May – with better success. They are blooming now, but some are clearly hybrids – although a bonus is the fragrance. The blood red petunias on the right are *P. exserta* (they don't smell). The 2 pink ones on the left are *exserta* hybrids; the paler pink has a delicious petunia scent but the deeper pink one doesn't smell. They both share the upright form of *P. exserta*.



*Scented hybrid*



*Petunia exserta* true from seed

