



*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.

The Newsletter focuses on you, Master Gardeners! This is your venue for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 29 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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## **INSIDE MGOI**

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## Milestones

### Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

**Rosemary McNabb**

**Andrea Steinhäusser**

Congratulations Rosemary and Andrea who have now completed their MG Courses. Over the past two years they have actively participated in MG events, face-to-face and online meetings as well as educational presentations. A highlight of their commitment and dedication is evident in the work they completed designing a new garden associated with the Horticultural Therapy program at St. Joseph's Heritage. Under the guidance of MG Lynda Lahtenmaa their design and plant recommendations were well received by the St. Joseph's Heritage staff. It will be exciting to see this garden become a reality for the residents of this Long-term Care Home when Covid restrictions allow for its implementation.



### Guelph & Wellington Master Gardeners

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

**Danielle Gignac**

Danielle has finished her MGIT training in record time. She has finished her studies and accumulated her volunteer hours. Danielle has been involved with community gardens in Guelph, and lately our plant sale in May. She is keen to add plants to her garden, is learning all aspects of gardening and the workings of our group. We are glad to have her on board but sorry we cannot meet to cheer her on.

#### New Master Gardeners in Training

**Lee Ann Lennox**

**Ester Reid**

Lee Ann is from Elora and gardens in Salem by the river. She is interested in all aspects of gardening. Ester is from Elora and is involved with several garden projects in her community. She is interested in learning about ecological gardening. Welcome Lee Ann and Ester!



### Niagara Master Gardeners

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

**Betty Knight**

*by Susan Lusted, Niagara Coordinator*

Betty joined Niagara MGs in October 2019. We had two meetings and then the pandemic set in - our group did not meet in person after January of 2020. This must have given Betty time as she completed her courses in just over a year. She then had to wait until she had been with us for two years and had the volunteer hours.

Betty was in the Canadian navy stationed at HMCS York, Toronto where she met her husband. She attended the University of Toronto and then worked in the legal area. After that she obtained her teaching degree and supply taught.

After moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake, she became involved in gardening and found us. She is an enthusiastic member of our group who brings her upbeat personality, flexibility, and good nature to the group. Volunteer hours were difficult to obtain during the pandemic. However, Betty did a number of presentations on soil at local libraries. Those presentations were well attended.

Some of you will know Betty from the Master Gardeners of Ontario's Facebook page where she serves as a moderator. She really did manage to get her hours.

Congratulations to Betty on her achievement and we are looking forward to Betty's keen knowledge and insight contributing to our group.



## Brantford Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Sherry Black-Shrubbs

Lisa Medeiros

Marilyn Parks

The BMG would like to welcome our three new members who joined us in August!



## Northumberland Master Gardeners

### 15 Year Anniversary

Joy Cullen

Marguerite Long



Christa, left with Joy & Marguerite

### 10 Year Anniversary

Christa Bisanz

Marg Tolland



Coordinator Christa Bisanz, left presents Marg with her gold badge



## A Message from the President

Karen Sciuk

MGOI is advertising three upcoming positions on the MGOI Board. Vacancies include: Secretary, East Region Director and North Region Director. Our East Region Director Sue Flinders-Adams will complete her six year term this November, and both our North Region Director Kathleen Gorsline and Secretary Terri Briggs will similarly have completed their six year terms sometime next year before the 2022 AGM.

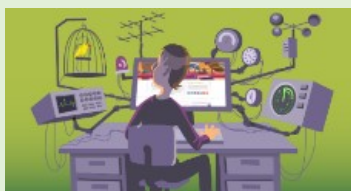
If MGs are interested in any of the positions we like to admit them to the Board as Directors at Large with a few months of overlap where possible.

The job descriptions are posted on pages 11-13 at the end of this Newsletter. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact the Board member whom you may potentially be replacing.

Thank you.

## Master Gardener Group Websites / Links

A Message from Jim Cook, MGOI Webmaster



<https://smeioinup.com/5-google-webmaster-tools-alternatives/>

<https://www.mgoi.ca/groups/groups.html> This is a reminder to please inform myself, Jim Cook, MGOI webmaster of any changes to your links to keep them up-to-date. My address is: [webmaster@mgoi.ca](mailto:webmaster@mgoi.ca). Thanks!

The MGOI website lists current links to group websites and social media, such as Facebook and Instagram:





## Master Gardeners Out & About

### Projects & Events

## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

**Name:** Honouring, Welcoming, Thanking and Congratulating

**Details:**



*Poster shows those who we wanted to thank, honour, celebrate and welcome in person*

Over the past two challenging years we have not had the opportunity to: properly honour Aili, Gordon, Linda, Gwen, Deanna and Ed for their years of service; properly welcome Kaylee and Theresa to our group; thank Sylvia for her work heading up our last plant sale and actually giving her the Golden Trowel award; congratulate Rosemary and Andrea as new Master Gardeners; and celebrate the achievements and work of all our dedicated Master Gardeners and Master Gardeners in Training. Nor were we able to properly thank Louise Nadeau for her many years of service as a Master Gardener in Thunder Bay. We thank you Louise and wish you the very best in your move to London, Ontario. Our loss will definitely be their gain!

Now that we were able to gather outside it was an ideal time to plan a much needed get together for lunch and celebrate what members had achieved over the past two years. There was so much to celebrate and discuss we had to actually tell ourselves to take a break and go have lunch.

Unfortunately, not all were able to attend but it was certainly nice to see each other in person and a good start to what we hope will be possible in 2022.



*Back, L to R: MGs Linda Sharp, Aili Dampier, Andrea Steinhäusser & Carole McCollum  
Front, L to R: MGs Lynda Bobinski, Lynda Lahtenmaa, & Linda Rintamäki*



## Brantford Master Gardeners

**Name:** BMGs Online Native Plant Sale

**Details:** BMGs held an online native plant sale. One of our members, Kevin Kavanaugh, is the owner of Southcoast Gardens, in St. Williams ON. He was kind enough to obtain all of the native plants.

The Plant Sale Committee put together a list of plants, a flyer and purchasing instructions. This information was distributed to various Master Gardener and horticultural groups, as well as being posted to the BMGs Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram and our website.

Purchases were made online and plant pickup was available in three locations (Cambridge, Brantford, St. Williams) on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our sale was quite successful and the group was very happy with the results.



## Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

### Name: National Truth and Reconciliation Day

*by Ren Duinker*

**Date: September 30, 2021**

**Details:** As gardeners, we are all aware of our intimate involvement with the natural world. We recognize the stewardship of our Indigenous neighbours, and we work with them to preserve and protect the environment. In Picton, on Truth and Reconciliation Day, MGIT Margot Rivers took part in a smudging ceremony to honour and remember residential school survivors. A smudging ceremony is performed in a circle where everyone is equal, and each person participates in order to clear their way to truth and acceptance.

Rick Byce, a member of the Chapleau Cree Nation, initiated this ceremony in honour of Residential Schools' victims and to educate those unfamiliar with the smudging ceremony.



*Rick Byce performs a smudging ceremony in Picton ON*



*Rick Byce with MGIT Margot Rivers*

### Name: Children's Garden Award

**Date: October 2, 2021**

**Details:** The PEC Master Gardeners gathered at Vicki's Veggies on Saturday to celebrate young gardeners in The County. The Children's Garden Award, now in its third year, was started by Barbra Stock in 2018 to get children outdoors and learning about gardening. The children must do the work themselves and keep a notebook of their activities and observations in their gardens. Some kids started their own seeds in March, and many of them purchased seedlings from Vicki's Veggies.

MGs visit the gardens twice during the season and talk to the kids about what they grew and what jobs they did, such as weeding and watering. We were amazed at the horticultural knowledge of these kids – some as young as seven!

Vicki started our day off by giving the kids a tour of her gardens and a taste of fresh herbs.



*Vicki gives the kids a tour of her garden*

This year we had so many entries, we divided it up into Senior (10–12 years old) and Junior (6–9 years-old). Then we chose an Overall Winner of the Grand Prize. There were so many incredible gardens maintained by these young gardeners that it was a very difficult decision.

In the end it came down to who had the best notebook. The winners made detailed notes, beginning with a drawing of their plan for the garden. They included recordings of when they weeded and watered, and the condition of their plants. Their notebooks were tidy and well written.







Left to Right: Vicki Emlaw, Abby Rumig, Abbigail Wemyss, Oliver and Simon Hill, Cooper Vandenburg and Eve Maggiacomo  
Photo: Ren Duinker

Two of our young gardeners were interviewed on the local radio station 99.3 County FM. You can hear that interview on our website here:

<https://pecmastergardeners.ca/99-3-county-fm-radio-talks/>.

PEC MGs would like to thank Vicki Emlaw for hosting our event, donating the \$25 gift certificates to every child for plants next year and making the day very special for all of us. Thanks also to MGITs Colette McKinnon who was the MC for the day and Katie Middleton who assisted and organized all the refreshments.

Congratulations to all the Young Gardeners! We look forward to seeing you and your gardens next year.

### **Name: Walk for Wenjack**

**Date: Secret Path Week October 2021**

**Details:** PEC Master Gardener Andie Wiens is seen here arriving in Wellington, ON having walked 105 km this week in the 'Walk for Wenjack'. Andie carried the spirit stick carved by Rick Byce in honour of his father, Charles Henry Byce who was a residential school survivor.

'Secret Path Week .... commemorates the legacies of Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack, and takes place annually from October 17-22.

This is a meaningful week as October 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively mark the dates that Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack joined the spirit world.'

'Walk for Wenjack' honours Chanie Wenjack and the thousands like him who never made it home. The first Walk for Wenjack took place in 2016 and retraced the steps of Chanie Wenjack, a 12-year-old Anishinaabe boy who died attempting to reach his family 600km away after escaping residential school.

The walk started at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, ON, and continued to Redditt, ON for a ceremony representing Chanie's final resting spot near Farlane, ON. Since then, people across the country have hosted their own walk to educate and raise awareness of the true history and impact of residential schools.'

<https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/walk-for-wenjack/>



Many Prince Edward County MGs supported Andie and cheered her on her way. Together we can make change happen.

Thanks Andie.



## Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

### Name: Opening the Alcove Garden

by Julianne Labreche

**Details:** Even though Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton (MGOC) provide hours of sage gardening advice, they have never shared a teaching garden with the local gardening community. That changed earlier this fall when Master Gardeners, church congregants and representatives from the Algonquin community gathered to open and bless The Alcove Garden at Kitchissippi United Church.

The garden is located in central Ottawa, near the shores of the Ottawa River and on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin people. The new garden, designed by MGs of Ottawa-Carleton, will serve as a teaching site with a focus on native pollinator plants.



Daniel Spiritwolf during the smudging ceremony

Photo: Julianne Labreche

The burning of white sage, used in the ceremony, is believed by First Nations people to bring positive energy to the space, creating a sacred garden.



Raven Brightmoon blesses the garden

Photo: Julianne Labreche

New signage, created by members of MGOC and the church community, provides a short history of the garden and its plants. Signs are posted in French, English and Algonquin.



Marietta Buckshot, an Algonquin teacher and counselor, translated the signage.

Photo: Nancy McDonald

Children from the Montessori school located within the church participated by painting rocks to decorate parts of the garden.

During the ceremony, MGs who designed and planted the garden were recognized for their many contributions this past gardening season. Other MGs donated or transported native plants. This past spring and summer, our MGs spent many hours redesigning the garden, as well as replanting and caring for it.

The timing of the transition to a new garden was opportune as church members, in partnership with Ecology Ottawa – a grassroots environmental group that helped to create the garden a few years ago – had difficulty maintaining it. When MGs learned that the garden needed some help, a partnership was forged. During this pandemic, planning and work in the garden continued, socially distanced or via Zoom.

Future tours, lectures and educational resources are planned.

Hopefully, gardeners of all ages will learn and enjoy its beauty, including young children who pass through the garden everyday on their way to school.





## Mississauga Master Gardeners

### Name: Seed Collecting

**Details:** On October 2, 2021, MGIT Mohan Iyer and a few others visited with MG Jeanne McRight (<http://www.bloomingboulevards.org/>).

We were first taken for a small tour of Jeanne's beautiful native garden. She then shared precious information about native plants and their role in the ecosystem. We then all drove to the site of Hancock Woodlands Park.

Here Jeanne demonstrated how to collect seeds from native herbaceous plants. It was interesting to see how each plant had its own unique way of seed propagation.

It is important to mention here that Blooming Boulevards follows ethical seed collection practices and have a letter of permission from the city to collect seeds on this site. Anyone who wants to collect wildflower seeds can find the Seed Collectors' Code of Ethics here: <http://www.bloomingboulevards.org/ethical-standards-forr-naseed-collecting>.

We spent an hour at the site collecting the seeds, putting them in small packets and labelling them. All along Jeanne was sharing her knowledge and experiences regarding native flowering plants and it was time well spent on a sunny fall morning.



*Seed Collecting at Hancock Woodlands Park*

## Guelph & Wellington Master Gardeners

### Name: Guelph & Wellington MG Plant Sale

**Details:** Guelph & Wellington MGs held a plant sale in May. We are a little late to report on this but feel it is still worthwhile to mention a few lessons that we learned. The plant sale took place online on a Shopify platform. We were lucky to have two people who could manage the technical part, Danielle Gignac and Kiki Alwan. We had a large selection of 2500 plants. The sale started in the middle of May and everything was sold within one day.

It took a week to collect the orders and people picked them up over a weekend. It was financially successful and we did have some nice days potting and socializing, however most of us would not do it again. Order taking and delivery were stressful.

### Name: Zoom Meetings

**Details:** Guelph & Wellington MGs are now meeting on Zoom again. We are following Provincial guidelines and keep in touch with the Guelph Arboretum where we meet under normal circumstances.



## Northumberland Master Gardeners

### Name: Face to Face Meeting

**Details:** We met at the home of Joy Cullen on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Joy gave us a garden tour around her property pointing out 30 trees that she has planted over 20 years. Joy explained the special properties of each of the trees, both deciduous and coniferous.



The tour was followed by a safely distanced meeting in Joy's garage. It was great to see everyone again.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Etobicoke Master Gardeners

**Name:** EMG/Humber Arboretum Virtual Gardening Workshops – 2021

**Dates & Topics:** Further Workshops include:  
Nov. 13 – Pests & Pathogens



Register at: <https://humber.ca/arboretum/events>

### Toronto Master Gardeners

**Name:** Toronto Master Gardeners Virtual Technical Update - Ecological Gardening: Connecting with Nature

**Date:** Saturday,  
January 8, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00am to  
2:30pm Eastern Time  
**Tickets:** \$30  
**Zoom Registration  
& Speaker  
Information:** Opens  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Here is the link:



[www.torontomastergardeners.ca](http://www.torontomastergardeners.ca)

### Master Gardeners Association of Alberta

**Name:** Grounded in Science: A Fall Symposium

**Date & Time:** November 20, 2021, 9am-2:30pm  
Mountain Time

**Details:** The Symposium will feature three speakers:

- Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott
- Larry Hodgson
- Robert Pavlis

Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

For more information visit: <https://mgaab.org/>



# Of Possible Interest to Master Gardeners

## Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto

### Name: Special Offer

by: Katherine Ing, ROM Promotions

**Details:** MGs can save 15% off ROM Admission on two ROM Exhibitions. [Buy your timed tickets online](#) and enter promo code: **MGOI-ROM**

If you encounter any problems please contact Isabel Belanger, MGOI Editor at: [mail.ethicalhost.ca](mailto:mail.ethicalhost.ca)

### Exhibitions

#### 1. The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons

On view through January 2, 2022

Featuring pieces from the Museum's world-renowned collection, this ROM-original exhibition explores how India's artisans have created, perfected and innovated printed and painted multicoloured cotton fabrics to fashion the body, honour divinities, and beautify palaces and homes.

*The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons*

[The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons | Royal Ontario Museum \(rom.on.ca\)](#)

#### 2. Florals: Desire and Design

On view through January 3, 2022

With world-wide exploration and economic expansion in the 1700s came a fascination with plants and flowers. *Florals* highlights botany's connection to the culture of the era through influential botanical publications and exquisite illustrations alongside stunning Indian cotton textiles covered with colourful hand-painted flowers.

*Florals: Desire & Design*

[Florals: Desire and Design | Royal Ontario Museum \(rom.on.ca\)](#)



**What You Need to Know Before Your Visit:** The ROM is following the advice of public health authorities and is making every effort to help ensure visits are enjoyable, entertaining and above all, safe.

[Visitor Guide | Royal Ontario Museum \(rom.on.ca\)](#)

**Effective October 27, 2021:** Consistent with the Province of Ontario's vaccination certificate policy, all visitors aged 12 and older must be fully vaccinated. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be provided to enter the Museum. We encourage you to visit [rom.on.ca](https://rom.on.ca) to prepare for your visit.

### Social media:

Twitter: @ROMtoronto

Instagram: @ROMtoronto

Exhibition: #ROMchintz

### Image Credit:

1. Woman's jacket. Made in coastal southeast India for the Dutch market; used in Hindeloopen, Friesland. Mordant-dyed and resist-dyed cotton, 18th century, 57.8 cm.





## Annex 1

### **MGOI Corporate Secretary Job Description**

#### Authority

The Corporate Secretary position of a non-profit organization plays a critical role in fostering communication and diligence through proper management and utilization of important records such as meeting minutes and the organization's bylaws.

The Corporate Secretary position has wide-ranging responsibilities, requiring more than simply being present at all board meetings. The Corporate Secretary should be knowledgeable about the organization's records and related materials, providing advice and resources to the board on topics such as governance issues, amendments to provincial laws, and the like, that will assist them in fulfilling their fiduciary duties. The Corporate Secretary's address is the corporate address of Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. as there is no physical address.

As the custodian of the organization's records, the Corporate Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate documentation and meeting any legal requirements such as annual filing deadlines. The Corporate Secretary is responsible for reviewing and updating documents as necessary and ensuring all documents are safely stored and readily accessible.

#### Requirements

Organizations are required by law to maintain specific records for several purposes, including:

- accurate recollection of decisions
- determination of eligibility to vote
- continuity of policies and practices
- accountability of directors and officers.

The Corporate Secretary is responsible for ensuring that accurate and sufficient documentation exists to meet legal requirements, and to enable authorized persons to determine when, how, and by whom the board's business was conducted. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, and subject to the organization's bylaws, the Corporate Secretary ensures the accuracy and availability of meeting minutes, proposes policies and practices, submits various reports to the Board, fulfills any other requirements of a Director and Officer, and performs other duties as the need arises and/or as defined in the bylaws.

#### Accountability

The Corporate Secretary is accountable to the Board of Directors (if elected or appointed by them) as specified in the bylaws. Through the Board of Directors, certain duties of the Corporate Secretary may be delegated to the Executive Director, Board members and/or committees as appropriate; however, the accountability for them remains with the Corporate Secretary.

#### Minutes

The Corporate Secretary takes and reviews for accuracy the minutes of meetings, including the Annual General Meeting. Requirements of minutes should include at a minimum:

- date, time, location of meeting
- list of those Directors present and absent
- indication of the presence of a quorum
- list of items discussed
- list of reports presented
- text of motions presented and description of their disposition



### Custodian of records

The Corporate Secretary ensures that the records of the organization are maintained as required by law and made available when required by authorized persons. These records may include founding documents, (e.g. letters patent, articles of incorporation), lists of Directors, Board and Committee meeting minutes financial reports, and other official records.

### Membership Records

The Corporate Secretary ensures through review, that official records are maintained of members of the organization and Board and ensures that these records are available when required for reports, elections, referenda, other votes, etc.

### Bylaws

The Corporate Secretary ensures that an up-to-date copy of the bylaws is available at all meetings.

### Communication

The Corporate Secretary ensures that proper notification is given of directors' and members' meetings as specified in the bylaws.

### Meetings

The Corporate Secretary participates in Board meetings as a voting member. In the absence of the President (and Vice-President), the Corporate Secretary calls the meeting to order, presiding until a temporary chairperson is elected.

### Signing Officer

The Corporate Secretary may be designated by the Board of Directors and/or bylaws as one of the signing officers for certain documents. In this capacity, the Corporate Secretary may be authorized or required to sign or countersign cheques, correspondence, applications, reports, contracts or other documents on behalf of organization.

### Filing of Documents

The Corporate Secretary is the registered agent with respect to the laws of the jurisdiction: the person upon whom legal notice to the corporation is served, and responsible for ensuring that documents necessary to maintain the corporation are filed.

### Procedures

- Provincial Filing
- Annual General Meeting
- Record keeping





## Regional Director

(Four positions)

Master Gardener Groups in Ontario are organized into 4 geographic regions. E.g. South-West, East, Central and North.

Each region has one Regional Director.

### Overview of the position of Regional Director:

- Serve as a liaison between Master Gardener groups in their region and our MGOI organization, e.g. Board of Directors, other Regional Directors, committees and individuals.
- Be a voting member on the Board of Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc.
- Follow best practices in our Board of Directors' Governance and Communications Guidelines.
- Work with groups in the Region to fill the position of outgoing Regional Director.
- The term of the position is 2 years. Maximum of 3 consecutive terms can be served in this office.
- This position can be shared with another member in the same group or region.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Maintain regular communication with groups via the coordinators in their region, e.g. email, phone, video conference.
- Facilitate communication among groups in the region, e.g. virtual meetings, closed Facebook groups
- Lead Regional meeting with Master Gardener group representatives at the yearly Coordinators' Conference.

### SUPPORT

- Seek answers to group questions in response to inquiries.
- Bring forward group concerns to the Board of Directors.
- Make recommendations for budget needs to support groups, e.g. special initiatives, gardening / administrative resources.
- Assist in identifying, supporting & maintaining groups at risk, e.g. declining/stagnant member numbers
- Assist in starting up new groups or helping groups who fold.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- Participate in Board of Directors meetings.
- Share relevant information from Board meetings with groups as needed.
- Share upcoming relevant agenda items with groups for input as needed.

### SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

- Eligible for travel expenses relating to the position as described in our MGOI policies/procedures.
- Access to Policy Handbook to answer group questions/concerns. Questions can also be directed to other relevant Directors.
- Communications Guidelines for Board Members document
- MGOI Governance Guideline document
- Insurance to cover liability of the Corporation & indemnify directors