



*Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario*

# Inside

# MGOI

Welcome to the February 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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## Milestones

### Lanark County Master Gardeners

#### 25 Year Anniversary

Ankaret Dean

#### 20 Year Anniversary

Judy Wall



*Judy, left with Ankaret and "Paul N Ator" (middle) at the National Master Gardener Convention at Deerhurst*

### Retirement

Margaret Inwood



*Margaret, left, our retired Treasurer and her sister Helen Halpenny. These two ladies, both founding members of our group, have been the backbone of our organization for almost 35 years*

One of our two founding members, Margaret Inwood, has decided to retire after 34+ years with our group. Margaret had been our Treasurer for well over 20 years and left the books and the year end report completed and in great shape. Although she is leaving us, she has promised to attend our Potluck Lunches. We will all miss her greatly.



### Durham Master Gardeners

*by Norine Blyth, DMGs*

#### 10 Year Anniversary

Tracey Smyth

Please congratulate Tracey on her 10 year badge! Meet Tracey. Well a lot of you will already know her!



#### Please give a brief description of your working career:

Tracey has had a series of very interesting jobs ranging from retail, 911 dispatch to retiring from her working career as a Toronto Police officer. Tracey said that in 2010 she became 43 Division's Crime Analyst. "This was the most interesting and enjoyable career I had had...it enabled me to put my organizational and logic skills to good use, and I found the challenge of tracking criminals very creative and fulfilling."

#### What made you interested in becoming a Master Gardener?

I became a gardener in response to a need for stress relief in my life. I held various positions with a number of garden clubs in the Toronto area but didn't find the educational path very fulfilling. I had always wanted to take the MG courses and felt it was something I would enjoy after retirement. The Durham Coordinator at the time, Karen Sciuk, convinced me to join sooner.

#### Where did you take your education for Master Gardeners – Guelph, Dalhousie, self?

I began with the Dalhousie MG courses, which at that time was called the Agricultural College of Nova Scotia. The timing and structure of the courses was better suited to my schedule than the Guelph courses while I was still



employed. I completed my certificate in 2012 and rewarded myself by attending the one week summer school held in Truro Nova Scotia. It is a great week where you basically review everything you have learned in the courses but with a hands-on approach. It was educational and a lot of fun. I made numerous friends in Nova Scotia as a result and joined the Atlantic Master Gardeners as well.

**Are you on any other gardening related committees/groups?**

At this time I am not.....I am focusing on developing a garden where we live....it is all clay and rock here and we are on a steep grade, so it is quite a challenge.

**What committees did you sit on for both DMG & MGOI?**

- a) **At the present** – DMG executive as past Coordinator; my husband Jim is the Webmaster for MGOI
- b) **In the past** – Assistant Coordinator, Coordinator, development of the online transfer of DMG records (Google docs), and training members for same. I have also served as the registrar for the MGOI Coordinators' Conference a while ago.

**Further education/courses gardening related:**

I completed my Landscape Design Certificate in 2021 with Guelph, and am currently taking the Greenhouse Management course in anticipation of receiving my cedar 8' x 12' greenhouse in June.

**What are some of your loves of gardening?**

I love the process of seeing a garden develop over the years. My current interest here on the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia is growing food and creating a low maintenance native garden in front of our house in the style of Piet Oudolf....my very favourite landscape designer. I love the way a garden attracts wildlife and I am always conscious of habitat creation in my efforts.

**Any words or thoughts you would like to have written?**

I love being a Master Gardener. It has changed my life in so many ways. It has brought me cherished friendships and I love that I never stop learning. I really enjoy the mentoring process with members in training and the social aspects of spending time with fellow gardeners.

**5 Year Anniversary**

Judy Rivers

Please congratulate Judy on her 5 year pin! It is so wonderful for our group to have long time members for their knowledge and expertise.



**Please give a brief description of your working career:**

Part of Judy's working career was in the Insurance Industry and most recently, in corporate finance. While working in the insurance industry, she decided to quit that line of work and went back to school at Humber College for Landscape design. Once Judy graduated, she started working at Vandermeer Nurseries in the production greenhouse, planting up annuals and cuttings and had the great pleasure of learning from many of the Vandermeer family, including Mr. Vandermeer. Judy kept learning and moving around in various departments including annuals, perennials, and the tree yard to eventually become one of the landscape designers. Judy didn't stop there and went on to work for a landscape architect firm in Toronto.

**What made you interested in becoming a Master Gardener?**

I had met a few of the DMG members while volunteering with the Whitby in Bloom Garden Tour and they seemed really knowledgeable and friendly, especially Pam Love.

**Where did you take your education for Master Gardeners?**

Self-study. Because of my education at Humber combined with experience working at a large nursery, self-study was a great match.





**Are you on any other gardening related committees/groups?**

- Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Durham Hospice – Palliative and Bereavement volunteer
- Member of the Whitby Ajax Garden Project – a community garden I joined at the start of COVID and found it to be a respite from the stress and fear of the pandemic. I tended my plot and two food bank plots. In 2021, the garden donated roughly 7600 pounds of produce to local food banks.

**What Committee did you sit on for DMG?**

I was the Co-coordinator of the Program Committee and a member of the DMG Executive Committee.

**Further education/courses gardening related:**

In 2018, I started the Horticultural Therapy (HT) program at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. After completing the certificate program, I went on to introduce an HT program for the Palliative Day program with Durham Hospice, just before COVID shut down in-person programming.

**What are some of your loves of gardening?**

It has changed and evolved. Initially I was into ornamental gardening, but now I enjoy growing food and companion planting. I'm very interested in native plants and plan on adding more in my garden to attract native bees and pollinators.

Judy also has her own side business creating terrariums and planters using succulents.

**Any words or thoughts you would like to have written?**

"I really admire and appreciate the depth of knowledge and expertise of the DMG members and enjoy the enthusiasm from the new members."

Judy mentioned that she is really missing the in-person DMG monthly meetings held at Parkwood and hopes they will resume sometime this year.

**New Master Gardener in Training**

Rita Barrell



**Of Interest:** Wow, another busy and great month for DMG with three new members. Let me introduce you to the first of the three new members.

Rita Barrell is a retired teacher who lives in Port Perry. She runs the website and is on the executive of the Pineridge Garden Club. They maintain the Scugog Shores Museum Garden. She is also on the executive of the Port Perry Seniors Club. Rita publishes the newsletter for the Seniors Club.

Her interests are shade gardening, landscaping, and naturalized gardens using native plants. Rita's property is mainly shade so she is always trying to find plants that work in this environment.

She brings skills in organizing presentations, public speaking, and computer skills. Rita has chosen the Guelph University education path and has started the Plant ID course.

Welcome Rita, so great to have new members and we look forward to you being a part of DMG!



## Master Gardener in Training

Sarah Powell

**Of Interest:** Please meet new member number two. Sarah



Powell is the Director of the Newcastle Community Garden and the Newcastle Horticultural Society. She is also the Durham Chapter Secretary of the Professional Organizers in Canada.

Her special interests in gardening are trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, fruit and vegetables. She brings skills in organizing, marketing, video, and online research.

Sarah has chosen to do her studies at Dalhousie. Welcome Sarah to DMG and we are excited to have you onboard at DMG!

## New Master Gardener in Training

Mikal Lawton



**Of Interest:** Last but not least, please welcome Mikal! Mikal is currently a groundskeeper at Ripley's Aquarium and has been a volunteer with Toronto Zoo in the greenhouses and pavilions.

He has volunteered with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Altona Forest Stewards Committee.

Mikal's special interests in gardening are cultivating, composting, planting, propagating and overwintering tuberous begonias.

He brings skills in photography, public speaking, leading groups, and presentations.

Mikal will be enrolling at Guelph for the spring semester. Mikal we will be sure to put some of your skills to good use at DMG! Welcome from all of us!



## Mississauga Master Gardeners

### 5 Year Anniversary

Stuart Plummer

Stuart joined MMGs in January 2017.

## New Master Gardener in Training

Ramona Christiansen

The MMGs look forward to welcoming Ramona to her first meeting and to working along side her in the months and years to come! Ramona brings to the MMGs both volunteer experience gained from various organizations and an active interest in horticulture, having completed a number of courses. Her special interests include perennial gardens and making her own mulch!



## Halton Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Tinamarie Jones

LeeAnne MacGregor

Welcome Tinamarie and LeeAnne!





## Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

### 15 Year Anniversary

Sue Lajeunesse

Sue received her 15-year pin this past fall. She was awarded her certification by 'writing the big exam after going through that huge manual!'

For 15 years Sue has contributed to our group by being a supportive and very active member. She volunteers with many initiatives including the PMGs advice table, plant sales, hosting garden tours in her beautiful, lakeside gardens and by being our group secretary for a term.

Congratulations Sue!



### 10 Year Anniversary

Deb Fraser



Deb Fraser received her 10-year pin this past November. Along with running a family business in Peterborough (The Main Ingredient), Deb has been a very involved member of Peterborough Master Gardeners. She is a keen gardener and has been very involved with the Peterborough Garden Show and our MG advice table. Deb is our Social Coordinator and wrote our Event Catering procedure.

During events such as our 'Day for Gardeners' and other technical updates, Deb is a pleasant, calm, organized and unflappable presence in the kitchen ensuring our event is successful. Amazing!

Congratulations Deb!

### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Marilyn Homewood

Marilyn received her MG certification in May of 2021. She joined Peterborough MGs in June 2019 and quickly became a very involved member. She is a regular contributor to our PMG weekly blog, writing about a variety of interesting garden subjects including cutting gardens and regenerative agriculture and the garden. We are very pleased to have Marilyn, another keen gardener, as a member of our group.



Congratulations Marilyn!

### Member Profile

Dianne Westlake

For someone with such an impressive and extensive history as Dianne Westlake has with the Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners, Dianne needs to be acknowledged as she steps away from her



years of service on our Coordinating Committee.

Rachel Burrows remembers interviewing Dianne and her husband Gary 20 years ago and thinking at the time what great MG candidates they would be. Dianne did not disappoint! (Neither did Gary but more on him in the future.) Dianne 'breezed through the Guelph programme and immediately started making valuable contributions to our group'. Dianne is described as a fount of knowledge that she shares willingly. She is also 'well-known for her ability to identify, with the scientific name, plants that came to plant sales unnamed'.

Dianne shared her own fabulously beautiful gardens and home for garden tours, Christmas parties, plant sales, and potting parties. She has been a presenter at groups and events all over Ontario including Horticultural Societies, the Peterborough Garden Show, and Canada Blooms. Dianne has written articles for our local paper and the MGOI newsletter (she is a past editor) and was a strong supporter of the Peterborough Garden Show and Peterborough's Ecology Park where she led workshops. In her spare time Dianne was also the District 4 OHA Director!

Dianne became Coordinator of the Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners in 2004 and with her 'friendly demeanour and willingness to go the extra mile she was an outstanding Coordinator'.

After her term in this role, she continued to serve on the committee as a past Coordinator and as the Plant Sale Coordinator.

The Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners thank Dianne for her outstanding contributions and her continued and valued involvement in our group.



## Stratford Master Gardeners

### Master Gardeners from Abroad

Michele Young joins Elizabeth Spedaliere as our second member who is a qualified Master Gardener from the USA.



## London Middlesex Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Chris Boyes  
Tyler Deline  
Heather O'Shea  
Beth (Elizabeth) Warner

We were very happy to welcome four new members to our group in January and are looking forward to working with you!



## Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Felix Pozojevic  
Margaret Boyd  
Jean Anderson



## Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Laura Jones  
Susan Maxwell

### Profiles

**Laura Jones** has been gardening for many years and has a special interest in growing vegetables as well as how she can extend the growing season in our Zone 3a-3b environment. She is keen to learn more about soil enrichment and permaculture and has already completed the *Plants & Soils* Course at the University of Guelph; these courses will certainly help enhance her knowledge in these areas. Over the years Laura has volunteered for Seedy Saturdays, local Fall Fairs and at other local organizations. She has a lot to share with us.

Her education and work experience include course design, presentation development, public speaking with a background in education, finance and math.



**Susan Maxwell** has been gardening for many years and is especially interested in vegetable gardening as well as greenhouses and house plants. Her knowledge in developing perennial beds and landscape design will be helpful in responding to questions that local gardeners may have and in offering suggestions. Susan has also been volunteering for many years with child focused organizations, schools and local financial and service boards. Her education and work experience include accounting, public speaking and presentation development.

Both Susan and Laura joined our group in January. It is interesting that Susan and Laura, who have very similar backgrounds, have both chosen to become MGs at this time. Their many years of gardening, public speaking, preparing and giving presentations will most certainly be an asset to our group. We look forward to working with them at our volunteer events and MG projects. Welcome Susan & Laura!



## Haliburton County Master Gardeners

### 20 Year Anniversary (2021)

Pauline Plooard

### 20 Year Anniversary (2022)

Eileen Hughes

Winnie Kasepчук

### New Master Gardener in Training

Shelley Long

### Member Transfers

Shelia Currie

Rita Dadzis

Sheila transferred to Haliburton County MGs from Ottawa Carleton MGs, and Rita transferred to Haliburton County MGs from Florida MGs.



## Grey County Master Gardeners

### Membership Transfer

Ann Joyner

Ann has transferred to Grey County MGs from Durham MGs. Her passion for nature started early: in primary school, she was president of "The Bug Club". After obtaining a Master's degree in Environmental Studies, she spent much of her life (so far!) devoted to protecting natural spaces and ecosystems, both in her work as a consulting planner and as the owner of a hobby farm west of Port Perry. For 23 years she raised chickens and geese and grew vegetable, berries, hops and flower gardens, as well as field pollinator plants for her active beehives.

In 2018, Ann joined Durham MGs and took horticultural training at Dalhousie University. Ann was an engaged member of DMG, taking on a number of roles at the executive level including Secretary and Event Coordinator. This past December, Ann moved full-time to a property that has been in the family since well before her Bug Club days, so she now has a new garden canvas to work on. Ann is particularly interested in the intersection between pollinators and garden design, as well as incorporating companion planting to improve garden health. We know she was a valued member of the DMG (what a lovely goodbye they gave her in January's newsletter) and we promise to look after her.



## Niagara Master Gardeners

### 20 Year Anniversary

Susan Lusted

Susan is receiving her 20-year badge. She joined our group in 2001 just prior to retiring from teaching. She first served as Secretary for the group. After that she moved up to Assistant Coordinator and then Coordinator which she has done twice. In addition, she has looked after programming for our





group. At present Sue is again Coordinator – a willing volunteer who regularly volunteers for our activities. Congratulations Sue!

## 15 Year Anniversary

Kit Thompson



Kit is receiving her 15-year badge. She has been very involved in our group. Kit undertook the organization of the Shaw Garden Tour volunteers, and our group supplied volunteers for each garden on the tour. This required information sheets to be made for each garden. Kit has been involved in our annual plant sale. Currently she is involved in webinars sponsored by the Niagara Falls Public Library, and

she organizes speakers for this online event. She is a willing participant in all our activities and an asset to our group. Congratulations Kit!

## Retirement

Lynne Forrester

Lynn first joined our group in 2004 and quickly completed her courses. She has been a positive asset to the Niagara group and was always willing to chip in. Her smile says it all. She has been involved in our events such as the plant sale, Shaw Garden Tour and Seedy Saturday. We are sorry that Lynne has stepped away, but we know that she will stay in contact with us and assist in any way possible.



## Toronto Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardeners in Training

Diane Bickers  
Gabrielle Bonneau  
Gerald Crowell  
Krista Elvey  
Qiumin Huang  
Alexandra Rodney  
Sid Sigua  
Laren Stadelman

The Toronto Master Gardeners are thrilled to have these eight new members as of January 1, 2022. The TMG is endeavouring to recruit and encourage new Master Gardeners in Training from younger and more diverse backgrounds to reflect the Toronto communities that we serve.

The Class of 2022 MGITs come to the organization with significant skills and community connections that will enhance and broaden our Toronto chapter. All of the new MGITs are passionate about gardening but they also bring skills in marketing and public relations, stakeholder relations, educational process analysis, teaching, graphics and illustration, and management consulting.

Two of our new MGITs have a relationship with and connections to the Chinese and the Philippine communities.



## A Message from the President

*Karen Sciuk, President MGOI*

MGOI is advertising four upcoming positions on the MGOI Board. Vacancies include:

1. Secretary
2. East Region Director
3. North Region Director
4. Director of Membership

Our East Region Director Sue Flinders-Adams has now completed her six year term and the position is vacant. Both our North Region Director Kathleen Gorsline and Corporate Secretary Terri Briggs will similarly have completed their six year terms sometime before the 2022 AGM. Terri would like someone to join soon as a board member at large so that the Corporate Secretary training can happen well in advance of the October 2022 AGM.

The Director of Membership position will also be vacant as of October 2022. If you are interested in stepping into this position you could shadow Director Maureen Hulbert for the remainder of her term.

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

The job descriptions are posted 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.

## Master Gardener Group Websites / Links

*A Message from Jim Cook, MGOI Webmaster*

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

<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!



*Sidney by the Sea, BC, February 7, 2022  
Photo courtesy of David Skogg*



## February Update – CCIPR (Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulations)

Cathy Kavassalis, CCIPR Team Lead, Halton Master Gardeners & Claudette Sims, Halton Master Gardeners

CCIPR Team Lead Cathy Kavassalis is in the process of organizing a team of artists, wordsmiths and web designers who can help work on the CCIPR logo and website design. We have acquired a domain name: CCIPR.ca. Currently, it points to a form Cathy drafted using Google Forms as a placeholder.

Our first step is to create a LOGO that will be used to promote our "brand identity" as we begin our marketing campaign. Here are a few CONCEPT DESIGNS to see the diversity of ideas flowing.

A clean, professional, inviting look can help us build our growing list of supporters and partnerships.

(We define **supporters** as those who **endorse our objectives**. **Partners** are supporters who are willing to **help spread the word and educate** the public about the need for a better framework for the regulation of plants in the horticultural trade. We also invite partners to join our team and help us shape our strategy and develop educational materials.)

If you support our objectives, please let us know. If you'd like to become more involved and join our working group, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Cathy Kavassalis at: [c.kavassalis@gmail.com](mailto:c.kavassalis@gmail.com). Your support can help us to apply for grants and encourage others to take action.



### Cathy's Story

*My three-year-old grandchild was helping me to pull "bully plants" out of the woods beside our home. He asked, "Grandma, why did you plant these bullies?" I had to say, I had not realized they would spread so far from the garden.*

*Many gardeners are unaware that the plants they purchase can spread far and wide and "don't play nice" with other plants.*

*For our grandchildren's sake, we need to do better.*

Cathy





## Master Gardeners Out & About

### Projects & Events

## Mississauga Master Gardeners

### Name: Information Sharing Sessions

**Details:** Mississauga MG Susan Quirk held monthly information sharing sessions with the Small Arms Inspection Building raised bed gardeners from January 2021 until the middle of the summer. Many questions were answered and new ideas generated. At the end of the growing season, she visited the 22 raised beds site to see first-hand how the gardens looked.

Next season is shaping up with the addition of 5 more raised beds. An all raised bed garden online session was led by Susan in January 2022 on how to select appropriate seeds and how to maximize food production. She also explored how to have a progression of crops throughout the growing season from spring to fall.



## Stratford and Area Master Gardeners

### Name: ReLeaf Stratford – February Update

**Details:** This is an ongoing project of the Stratford and Area MGs promoting the planting of native species to support our area's biodiversity. Our goal with the aid of partner groups is to plant 2022 trees and shrubs in 2022. Our website [releafstratford.ca](https://releafstratford.ca) contains a plethora of information about native plants, where to purchase them, how to correctly plant a tree, tree activities for families, and more. New content is being added regularly.

In February, ReLeaf presented the first of a series of speakers as part of [The Creating Nature Inspired Gardens Series](#) hosted by Stratford Public Library. Dr. Stefan Weber gave an inspiring talk about native trees and shrubs that we could grow to help build corridors and habitats for pollinators. He gave a variety of examples of locally grown trees and explained how to propagate them from seeds. We are now in the UN (United Nations) Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. Dr. Weber explained about [Seed Strategy in Ontario](#) and [In the Zone](#), a project of Carolinian Canada and the World Wildlife Fund.

**Upcoming Events** provides details of speakers in March, April and May.



## Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

### Name: Year of the Garden Speaker Series

**Details:** On February 9<sup>th</sup> via zoom three topics were featured:

- Introduction to the Year of the Garden: Sharon Zadorozny
- Seeding: Inger Knudsen
- Winter Gardens: Lianne Krane



Seeding



## Haliburton County Master Gardeners

### Name: Enviro-Hero Award 2021

**Details:** The Haliburton Land Trust has singled out the Haliburton County Master Gardeners through its Enviro-Hero award for their hard work bringing environmental concerns to the County. HCMG is being recognized for its stewardship and educational work particularly in helping property owners understand the unique growing conditions of the highlands and the benefits of adding more native plants. HCMG has fielded dozens of questions through its "Ask a Master Gardener" programme. As well, teams of MGs visited over 20 sites in 2021, with many property owners requesting advice on solving design and site issues with native plants, shrubs and trees over hardscape solutions.

In 2019 Silver Beach Housing Community was recognized for their Environmental stewardship by the Kashagawigamog Lake Association, in no small part with the help of HCMG. The HCMGs attended the award ceremony and were recognized for introducing the Silver Beach Community to permaculture, edible landscapes and the value of protecting the native vegetation remaining on the property.



### Name: Butterflyway Programme

**Details:** The Haliburton County Master Gardeners were chosen from among 1000 applicants to become a part of the David Suzuki Butterflyway programme in 2022. We will be supported by educational materials including garden signs, a manual, webinars and virtual meet-ups.

## Name: HCMG Launches New Website

**Details:** The Haliburton County Master Gardeners have long awaited their new website featuring new sections on *Gardening for the Environment* and *Growing for Food*, and now it's here. We succeeded in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from our local development corporation to be able to include features like online forms for "Ask a Master Gardener" and requesting a garden consult. Check it out at

<https://haliburtonmastergardener.ca>



*From the homepage of our website - the quintessential character of our northern region*

## Toronto Master Gardeners

### Name: Toronto Master Gardeners in Training / Mentor Field Trip – November 2021

**Details:** At the suggestion of the MGIT Class of 2021, a Trainee and Mentor Field Trip was held to tour the grounds of the Toronto Botanical Garden on Sunday November 21, 2021. This was the first in-person event since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 and a great opportunity for all the trainees (Class of 2020, Class of 2021) and their mentors to meet and reacquaint themselves with their peers. Photo below!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Master Gardeners of Ontario (MGOI)

#### Name: Niagara Parks School of Horticulture Winter Workshops

**Details:** Master Gardeners of Ontario (MGOI) is pleased to host a series of four workshops presented by the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. The next three Workshops are:

#### Workshop 2

**Name:** 'Better Living through (phyto) Chemistry – Secondary Metabolites for Plant Defense', Part 1 with Kris Mahoney.

**Date:** Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm

**Details:** "Plants have not been afforded the luxury of being able to run from pesky predators or pernicious pathogens. But, through trial and error, plants have evolved mechanisms to create a vast array of phytochemicals. Our humble plants have been toiling away in nature's laboratory, cooking up complex chemistries that can kill caterpillars or confound cankers. Join Kris and explore the world of secondary metabolites and plant defence – no lab coats, Bunsen burners, or beakers necessary. "

#### Workshop 3

**Name:** 'The History of the Plant Kingdom', Part 2 with Darrell Bley

**Date:** Thursday, March 17th at 7pm

#### Workshop 4

**Name:** 'Better living through (phyto)chemistry – secondary metabolites for plant defense', Part 2 with Kris Mahoney

**Date:** Thursday, March 17th at 7pm

**Registration:** (for MG members only)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QJJtQXOpSw-XUfw8iVGaNw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QJJtQXOpSw-XUfw8iVGaNw)



**History of the Plant Kingdom - Darrell Bley**  
From simple algae, bryophytes and mosses, to members of the Magnoliaceae family, to the majestic conifers that dominate vast geographical regions of our planet, today's plant world is incredibly diverse. How long have each of these plant groups inhabited this world? Which groups share a common ancestor and which groups led the way to an increase in complexity and diversity? From simple plant forms to the plants of today with periods of extinction and periods of incredible diversification—the journey seems very long. But in geological time, it's a short trip. And it's fascinating.

**Better Living Through Phytochemistry - Kris Mahoney**  
Plants have not been afforded the luxury of being able to run from pesky predators or pernicious pathogens. But, through trial and error, plants have evolved mechanisms to create a vast array of phytochemicals. Our humble plants have been toiling away in nature's laboratory, cooking up complex chemistries that can kill caterpillars or confound cankers. Let's explore the world of secondary metabolites and plant defence – no lab coats, Bunsen burners, or beakers necessary.

\*an exclusive event for current members of Master Gardeners of Ontario: [www.mgoi.ca](http://www.mgoi.ca)  
Pre-register at: <https://bit.ly/3PmPnUx> each session = 2CEUs  
For more information contact MGOI Dir. of Education: [Kate.Sault.mgoi@lakeheadmgoi.com](mailto:Kate.Sault.mgoi@lakeheadmgoi.com)

### Toronto Master Gardeners

**Name:** Invasive Species Presentation (Free)

**Date & Time:** March 4, 2022, 12-1 pm

**Details:** As part of Invasive Species Awareness Week, the Toronto Master Gardeners is presenting "Invasive Species" on March 4, 2022. We'll talk about plants that can escape from your garden and be invasive, impacts on the natural environment, ID tips for commonly available invasive plants and suggested alternatives.

**Register here:** <http://ow.ly/7HXv50HRhaQ>



### Mississauga Master Gardeners

**Name:** Mississauga Library Seed Library Launch

**Date:** March 5th 2022 at 2:00 pm

**Details:** Mississauga Master Gardener Diana Westland will be presenting a virtual talk as part of the Mississauga Library Seed Library Launch. The topic is 'Jumpstart your food garden by learning simple, cost-saving techniques for growing plants that will produce food all summer long!'.

**Program registration** is through the Mississauga Library website: <https://www.mississauga.ca/library/using-the-library/seed-libraries/>.

### Stratford and Area Master Gardeners

**Name:** Creating Nature Inspired Gardens

**Details:** The [Creating Nature Inspired Gardens Series](#) is a collaboration between [Stratford Public Library](#) and [Stratford and Area Master Gardeners](#) celebrating the year of the garden, 2022.

Learn about the biodiversity project [ReLeaf Stratford](#), and listen to specialists on conserving and restoring native trees, layered gardens, small space gardening, and native pollinators. Tune in for the remaining 3 lectures.





### **Layered Designs for Natural Gardens**

Sean James  
March 10

### **Small Trees for Small Spaces**

Cathy Kavassalis  
April 14

### **Native Plants for Pollinators**

Dr. Victoria MacPhail  
May 12



### **Registration:**

[Register for the Creating Nature Inspired Gardens Series](#)

Questions? Contact Robyn at [rgodfrey@pcin.on.ca](mailto:rgodfrey@pcin.on.ca) or 519-271-0220 x 132.

## **Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners**

### **Name: Library Children's Event**

**Date:** March 17, 2022

**Details:** There are two morning sessions and one afternoon session geared to kids following the theme "Get Growing".

### **Name: Composting 101**

**Date:** April, TBA at the library

### **Name: Minute with a Master Gardener**

**Dates:** TBD. This will be ongoing every week beginning in early spring throughout the growing season. Stay tuned – the organizing group is currently setting up the schedule.

**Details:** Features a Master Gardener sharing, via video clip, favourite / interesting garden information to the public. Hosted through the public library.

## **Grey County Master Gardeners**

### **Name: How to Have the Garden You Want**

**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7 pm - 9 pm

**Details:** Grey County Master Gardeners is pleased to be part of this year's annual set of workshops sponsored by Grey Agricultural Services. How to Have the Garden You Want is a fast-paced webinar session that takes you, step-by-step, from dreaming about your garden to having a workable plan. All kinds of gardens are covered, including vegetable, annual, perennial and shade. Starting with a template, plus down-to-earth information and practical exercises, we'll help you set your priorities, consider options and make your garden dreams come true. Creating a garden can be overwhelming. This seminar helps take the mystery out of it.

**Webinar fee:** \$15

**To register:** contact Emily McKague at [info@greyagservice.ca](mailto:info@greyagservice.ca)

### **Name: The 2022 Eco-Responsible Gardener: Seminar 3**

**Dates:** Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> (from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

**Details:** This is the final presentation in the series and features one of the most respected names in the business. Award-winning gardener, teacher and commentator Paul Zammit will speak to a subject close to the hearts of many of us: "The New Beauty - The Creativity of Using Native Plants" (Translation: You don't have to use native plants because it's the right thing to do. Use them because it's the beautiful thing to do.)

Paul is a professor of Horticultural Studies at Niagara College. Before that, he was Director of Horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden for a decade. He is a passionate and energetic gardener and lover of nature who has been delivering presentations for 30 years across Canada, and internationally throughout the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Bermuda, and South Africa.

Paul is the very popular gardening columnist for CBC Radio's **Here and Now** program.

**Registration:** the link for Seminar 3 will be available after February 28 on our website:

[www.greycountymastergardeners.com](http://www.greycountymastergardeners.com)



## Vancouver Master Gardeners



### **Name: Spring Affair 2022 – [Horti]Culture in a Changing Climate**

**Date:** Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 9am - 3:15pm Pacific Daylight Time ~ Zoom Platform

**Details:** The weather we experienced in the past 12 months – flooding, heat domes, wild winds, and ice storms – can leave no doubt that our climate is changing. What can we, as gardeners, do about it?

At this year's virtual Spring Affair, our speakers will show you how to build a rain garden, how you can use your garden to shield your home from wildfire damage, and how you can help build the world's first global database of trees.

Looking beyond our own patch, we will learn how urban planners are incorporating more green space into urban environments including Coast Salish plant gardens, about a massive initiative of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to mobilize Britain's 30+ million gardeners, and we will take a trip to the mountains of northern Vietnam to discover new species of plants.

Join the Vancouver Master Gardeners via Zoom on March 27<sup>th</sup> to learn what you can do to make a difference. Unable to attend, or miss a speaker? Recordings will be available for tickets holders to view online until April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Tickets:** Early Bird \$45 – \$50 after March 15<sup>th</sup>

**For more info go to:** <http://mgabc.org/node/3033>, or Click on the links below

[Learn More Here](#)

**To Register:** [CLICK HERE](#)



**Speakers:** These are our speakers for the day, both local and international (ctrl + click on the name to find out more):

### **Professor Alistair Griffiths**

*Planet Friendly Horticulture and Gardening – Net Positive for Nature and People*

### **Douglas Justice**

*Assessing the Botanical Riches of Northern Vietnam*

### **Dr. Sara Barron**

*Climate Resilience & Well-Being Through Neighbourhood-scale Green Design*

### **Dr. Joanna Ashworth** and **Chloe Hartley M.Sc.**

*North Shore Rain Garden Project: Building Resiliency with Nature*

### **Richard Maxwell**

*Tremap: The Global Tree Database*

### **Alan Westhaver, M.Sc.**

*Backyards and Beyond: Landscaping to Reduce Wildfire Risk*

### **Senaqwila Wyss**

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*The Importance of Urban Coast Salish Plant Gardens*



## MGOI North Region Master Gardeners

**Name:** Technical Day: Native Gardens for Nature's Sake – Protection & Conservation of Native Plants for Our Ecosystem

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Details:** MGOI North Region MGs are pleased to present 3 speakers on our Technical Day:

- Doug Tallamy on Nature's Best Hope
- Heather Holm on Creating and Managing Landscapes for Native Bees
- Joseph Pitawanakwat on Understanding Awaadiziwin (knowledge/culture) and its role in achieving Bimaadiziwin (life)



**Cost:** \$20.00

**Zoom Tickets & Speaker Information:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/259698403917>



## London Middlesex Master Gardeners

**Name:** Seedy Saturday 2022 in London – New Date! New Venue!



**When:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 10 am to 4:00 pm

**Where:** Dundas Place - London's new flex street will be the site for this year's event!

**Details:**

- Free - Community seed swap and Marketplace. Many vendors of seeds, supplies and garden-related

items will be outdoors in heated tents and trailers!

- The flex street on Dundas is between Wellington and Clarence. [Check out these Parking options](#), including a 2-hour free option, using HONK.

**Tickets & Preregistration:** \$10 per ticket for 3 great speakers in the Wolf Performance Hall in the London Public Library. TICKETS GO ON SALE March 1, 2022.

- 10:00 Emma Biggs, author and gardening prodigy – “Gardening in small spaces and containers”
- 12:00 Rosemarie Szalich, Master Gardener – “Therapeutic gardening using our 5 senses”
- 1:30 Dan Cooper, Gardening from a Hammock – “Gardening Tips for Low Maintenance Gardens”

*Tip - The first 200 people to register and pay \$10 for their ticket will receive a swag bag containing some garden goodies plus a raffle ticket for great prizes.*

For More Information (and to Register/Pay): – [Go to our Website](#)

Hope to see you there!





## MGOI Summer Workshops 2022

### **Name: Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture**

**Dates:** July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Details:** We are currently in the early stages of planning the summer workshops depending on how things go re Covid. Registration will be due by June 1st/22 and the forms will go out in April/May if we proceed. Spaces are limited this summer to 45 participants so it will be on a first come, first come basis. **Cost:** \$275 per participant; this fee includes lunch and breaks catered by the Niagara Parks Services. **Accommodation:** is available at the Niagara college Residence. All participants must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask in the classrooms.

At this time we are compiling a list of members who would like to attend. Yvonne

Causer, [ycouser@hotmail.com](mailto:ycouser@hotmail.com) accepts the registrations so could you please email her your intention. You can also email June Streadwick [streadwick@sympatico.ca](mailto:streadwick@sympatico.ca) or Kate Sault [saultkate@gmail.com](mailto:saultkate@gmail.com) for information.

### **Topics**

#### **1. Soil Health – Understanding, Maintaining and Sustaining**

**Instructor:** Darrell Bley, Instructor / Curator of Woody Plants, Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture

This workshop will focus on reviewing the targeted and key physical, chemical, and biotic properties of a healthy soil. Since many of us in our home garden may not have the perfect “utopia” of garden soils, we will explore and discuss ways to alter the physical and chemical properties of soils. When these two components are in good balance the most important component for healthy soils, the biotic living world, come in and set up shop in this more perfect home. What we need to do is sustain that home and give the biota all the creature comforts to encourage their growth in populations. This in turn provides the circle of life in which our plants are a part. We in turn reap the benefits of a healthy and happy garden.

We will need to bring soil samples taken 6 inches deep from various parts of the garden and mixed in a bag, as we will be doing lab work related to texture, pH, electro-conductivity, and soil biota.

We will also spend some time reviewing soil lab results and understanding how to interpret the numbers and results. Important tools, references, microscopes, and stereoscopes will be used to assist us in our quest for understanding and maintaining a healthy soil.

#### **2. What’s Bugging My Trees and Shrubs?**

**Instructor:** Kris J. Mahoney, PhD, Instructor / Curator of Integrated Pest Management, Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture

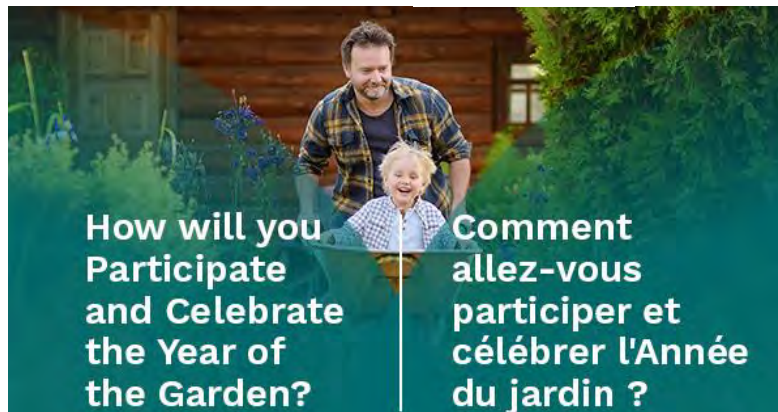
Have you observed damage to your trees and shrubs? Was there evidence of chewing, did the leaf look hollowed out from the inside, were there galls present, were there holes in the leaf or on the stem, was there frass or a fresh egg mass? These are important questions to ask when diagnosing damage in order to catch the culprit. Join Kris as we take a diagnostic approach to discovering what problem is pestering your prized *Platanus* or your favourite *Forsythia*. We will use classroom lessons and outdoor tours to test our knowledge and sharpen our skills.

#### **3. Techniques for Successful Propagation**

**Instructor:** Tanya Blankenburg, Instructor / Curator of the Rose/Herb/Vegetable Gardens, Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture

This workshop will be a hands-on day of learning various techniques for successful propagation. From tools, substrates, sanitation, patents to nutrients – come and explore all the many facets of plant propagation. Please bring secateurs.





**Invite your municipality to Proclaim  
2022 the Year of the Garden**

Vancouver, Red Deer, Winnipeg, Niagara Falls, Sainte-Julie, Halifax, and many more Canadian cities have proclaimed 2022 the Year of the Garden, committing to be a Garden-Friendly city and celebrating our National Garden Day.

If your city hasn't made a proclamation, you can nudge your councillor or mayor to join the movement. **Get started by sending this [invitation](#), [proclamation template](#) or [presentation](#) explaining why you feel your municipality should celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022.**

**Put your Garden on  
Canada's Garden Route**



So many of us will be touring gardens across the country during the Year of the Garden 2022. Canada's Garden Route is a comprehensive listing of Canadian gardens and garden experiences to enjoy.

The Garden Route highlights Public Gardens, Public Garden Festivals, Garden Trails, Parks Canada's Heritage Gardens, Indigenous Gardens, Destination Garden Centres and Destination Garden Communities across Canada!

If you have a garden experience that Canadians can visit, learn how you can have it added to Canada's Garden Route [here](#).





## A Few Reminders for Garden-Family Members

### Social Media

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### Promotional Material

Remember you can still get your Year of the Garden 2022 merchandising and signage [here](#).

## Promotional Partner Update



We are happy to announce that **Whistling Gardens ON, Assiniboine Park Conservancy MB, Parks Canada, National Capital Commission, Lakeshore Garden Centre SK, Robert Plante Greenhouses ON** are now Year of the Garden 2022 promotional partners!

To learn more about the **Promotional Partner** opportunities - contact Brent Gavin at [partnerships@gardencouncil.ca](mailto:partnerships@gardencouncil.ca)



## Calling all Not-for-Profit Gardening Organizations!

### Become a Garden-Family Partner

If you're a regional, provincial or national not-for-profit gardening organization, we invite you to become a Garden-Family Partner. Contact Kath Thompson to learn more about **Garden-Family Partner** opportunities at [gardenfamily@gardencouncil.ca](mailto:gardenfamily@gardencouncil.ca)

## Canada's 100 Garden Moments



Remember to share an influential Canadian garden moment that may be included in the top 100 list. Make your suggestions [here](#).

## Scotts Canada's Year of the Garden 2022 Gro for Good School Program

Apply by visiting: <https://scottsmiracleagro.com/responsibility/scotts-canada/>







## How will you invite everyone to 'Live the Garden Life'!

Whatever your role is in the Garden-Family, we invite you to invite Canadians to 'Live the Garden Life'. Make sure you are on the 'Live the Garden Life' map and agenda! Sign up [here](#) and benefit.

**Sponsor Profile: Premier Tech**

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### Stay Tuned, the "Gardening for your Mind, Body and Soul" Contest Starts Soon

Gardening allows people from all walks of society to create strong bonds with n and live healthier, happier lives. As a Founding Sponsor of The Year of the Garden 2022, Premier Tech will soon start its multi-brand contest named "Gardening for your Mind, Body and Soul".

This great initiative aims to achieve the well-being balance between mind, body, and soul to create a symbiosis with nature. With more than 1200 stores involved, and over \$15,000 in prizes, this contest is your best chance to realize the projects that are important to your well-being.

Keep an eye on PRO-MIX, WILSON and C-I-L displays in stores starting April 1st, 2022.



## 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 meetings 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

## Annex 3

### Director of Membership

**Incumbent: Maureen Hulbert**

This position will become vacant as of October 2022. Details follow.

*Timeframe:* 2 year commitment (with option to extend to a maximum of 6 years)

*Description:* Do you have ideas about improving the membership experience for your fellow Master Gardeners? Are you ready to contribute at the provincial level and meet more dedicated Master Gardeners from across Ontario?

We are currently looking for someone to shadow Maureen as Director of Membership for this year, looking to take over as Director in October 2022 when Maureen's term expires.

The Membership Director role is quite flexible. The incumbent develops documents and processes to improve the member experience, such as the Mentoring Program introduced in 2019 and the changes to the Reduced Contract introduced in 2020. The position also responds to group concerns related to membership, such as the MGOI Code of Conduct, recently passed by the Board. As a voting member of the Board, the position also participates in all Board meetings and offers input and help to other Board Members. Sometimes, a particular initiative may require the set up of a committee to figure out how to accomplish a goal. The Director would be part of that committee and report its findings to the Board.

#### *Working Schedule:*

- Much of the work is done on your own or via email or Zoom call if working with a committee.
- Board of Director meetings:
  - In person full day meetings: approximately two per year and usually on a weekend from 9-3 p.m. (e.g. one day in April and one in October on the Sunday following the Coordinators' Conference (Royal Botanical Gardens/Landscape Ontario). (This has been done via Zoom for the past 2 years).
  - Zoom Board meetings: as necessary, usually 2 hours from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (approximately 4 per year)

Please contact Maureen at [maureen@downtoearthtoronto.com](mailto:maureen@downtoearthtoronto.com) if interested.

