



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Inside

MGOI

Welcome to the June 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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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Halton

Milestones

Northumberland Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training

Len Taylor



Len's interest in gardening began about 20 years ago when he and his wife began attending lectures at the Toronto Botanical Garden. They joined the Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society (ORGHPS) and developed a particular interest in shrubs, perennials, pruning and landscape design. In the

six years that they have lived in Cobourg they have both been active in the Cobourg Garden Club and have put much enjoyable effort into developing front and back gardens from scratch in their standard-sized town property. Len and his wife are continually finding that the more they learn, the more they have left to learn.



Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

15 Year Anniversary

Doris Calder

5 Year Anniversary

Heather Rajotte

New Master Gardener in Training

Emily Thompson Yaeger

Welcome Emily! Congratulations Doris and Heather!



Member Profile

Pat Van Benthem



Of Interest: Pat is an active member who loves to learn and be part of a community of gardeners.

Pat says:

I've been a member of the Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners since 2015. I joined the group because I've always loved to garden, and in preparation for retiring from teaching I thought it would provide opportunities to learn, share and be part of a community of gardeners. I was also hoping it would provide the chance to give back to the community I live in.

It has been a very positive experience. I've been involved in the Roots and Shoots Garden, have been active in the plant sale, written articles and have shared in the Library March Break Programs. I love the bus tours and the new experiences in gardens we've toured, always getting inspiration for my own garden. I've grown as a gardener through all the wonderful speakers we've had and in sharing time with such knowledgeable and experienced gardeners, so willing to share their expertise and plants. Each spring as plants begin to grow I remember where many of my plants have come from and feel very fortunate that I am part of a group that has a positive impact on our community and creates and shares some of the beauty and wonders of engaging with nature.



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Jeanne Currie
Adair Heuchan
Barbara Long
Penka Matanska
Anna Tjepkema
Lucie Tremblay

Congratulations everyone on completing your formal MG training!

New Master Gardener in Training

Sylvie Lapointe

We are pleased to welcome Sylvie to Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton. In addition to extensive experience running her own business, Sylvie's French-language skills add to our team of bilingual MGs and our group is better able to respond to questions from both English- and French-language gardeners.



Toronto Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Luiza Monteiro
Jane Humphreys
Jane Smale
Dorien Ruijs
Lucy Saunders
Lisa MacKay

At the June meeting of the Toronto Master Gardeners – our first in-person meeting in more than two years! – we celebrated our newly graduated Master Gardeners in Training.

Congratulations to all!

Pictured in the photo (in the lovely setting of the Toronto Botanical Garden) are, from left to right: Luiza Monteiro, Jane Humphreys, Jane Smale, Dorien Ruijs, Lucy Saunders. Not pictured, but also honoured, was Lisa MacKay who graduated in Fall 2021.



Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Colette McKinnon
Aleksa Kaye

Profiles

Colette came to us from Rideau 1000 Islands when she moved to The County. She jumped right in and got involved with many of the events and projects.

Colette's interests include soil retention, composting, native plants, vegetable gardening and permaculture. She's done radio talks and offered her help on many of the events we have been involved with. This year, she is heading up the Children's Garden Award.



Congratulations Collette!



Aleksa is primarily a herbalist, but so much more. She has brought an entirely new perspective to our group with her knowledge of medicinal plants and healing.

Always learning, Aleksa is about to embark on another adventure and will be moving to Rhode Island this fall to study health

behaviour in a Master of Public Health program at Brown University. She will be a fantastic ambassador for us and will no doubt forge a great relationship with our American MG partners.

Congratulations Aleksa! All the best in Rhode Island!



Mnemonics for MGITs

by Margaret Larson, Halton Master Gardeners

Here are Margaret's June mnemonics for MGITs and Master Gardeners. The purpose of mnemonics is to help MGITs (and seasoned Master Gardeners) remember those esoteric terms and names that are impossible to remember. June's mnemonics are all about insects.

Don't forget to send some back to Margaret for next month: Margaret Lawson @ larsonmzz@yahoo.ca.

Flea beetle - **Flee** you little black beetle from my brassica and seedlings! (The two things Flea beetles really like!)

Bumble bees = the Latin is **Bombus** with 48+ species in North America

The exoskeleton of insects = the cuticle made of chitin (**C&C**)

Sow bug = roly-poly or wood louse - **Sowie** it's an isopod (crustacean) not an insect and has 14 legs!

Nematodes **needle** plants (how nematodes get their food by piercing plants)



Infamous flea beetles hard at work
<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-74/E-74.html>
(Photo Credit: John Obermeyer)



Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation (CCIPR) – June



Meetings are on hiatus for the summer – next meeting TBD – but the work continues. Resources are found on our website: https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5Nygl-yY2pw_e-WdNC2h0yIlLvR1ZUVtXNMZK5Lwz1BYgWRkgAc. We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

Our key focus is effective regulation with 5 key objectives:

- Effective pre- and post-border invasive species risk assessment;
- Bans on the sale and movement of high-risk invasive plant species;
- Labelling to identify and educate the public about lower-risk invasive plants;
- A verifiable industry-wide Code of Conduct; and
- Public education including alternatives to invasive plants.

Our coalition is not about native vs non-native plants. A team of experts would make the decision re: plants to regulate, prohibit or require warning tags at point of sale.

Please join the team or become a **supporter** (agree with our objectives), **partner** (help spread the word) or **team member** (join us in meetings and doing outreach), and visit our Get Involved tab: <https://ccipr.ca/get-involved/>.



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. Thanks!



MGOI Logo Files Made Easy!

by Claudette Sims (Past President) & Jim Cook (Webmaster)



Did you know our watering can logo can be found on our website in a variety of formats and colours?



Have you ever wondered which file is best to use? Well, we've been working hard to make that information easier for all members to find and use.

Go to the Logos and Bookmark tab in the member area of the MGOI website: <https://www.mgoi.ca/login.html>. Logos are now organized by file type: .jpg, .png. Colours are clearly described.

Specialty file formats previously only available by request have been added and are now downloadable, for example .ai, .eps, and .dst files. A short description explains what each file type is used for: documents, websites, banners, clothing. (Note that .dst files can only be read by specialty embroidery machines.)



All groups are encouraged to add the watering can logo to your group website, social media and materials. This presents a professional and unified marketing message and helps to identify us to the gardening public.



Grow with us!

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Let's Celebrate

Year of the Garden
Année du jardin

2022

SEEING RED?

We're counting on it!

Across Canada gardeners will be encouraged to join the fun and plant **RED**

Ontario Master Gardener Groups
Here's your challenge!

- Host an event on sustainable gardening
- Capture your experience in words with photos or video
- Winning entry will be featured in Canada's National Magazine - Canada's Local Gardener
- Entries must be submitted between **March 1st and September 30th, 2022**

Canada's Local Gardener

Let's Celebrate – Year of the Garden 2022

MGOI is presenting a challenge to Master Gardeners with a great reward. The winning entry will be featured in Canada's National magazine, *Canada's Local Gardener*. We are hoping that all groups will prepare an entry. It is as easy as hosting an event on sustainable gardening complete with photos / videos and a written write up of your entry.

Entries will be judged by three judges:

1. Year of the Garden – They will provide a judge and will be looking for the colour red, involvement / adoption by local municipal / regional / county governments, and visits to gardens “to share your passion and knowledge”. Their website is www.yearofthegarden.ca and we encourage you to investigate to see the many ways you can celebrate and win their vote.

2. Canada's Local Gardener Magazine – One of the magazine's media staff will be judging. They will be looking

for colourful content for their article, content that is well written or an interesting video. They have videos that are about 8-10 minutes in length. We may also be asked to participate in a podcast this year. Visit their website www.localgardener.net or review your magazines so you can recognize their criteria and win their vote.

3. Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. – Our past president Claudette Sims has agreed to be our final judge. Keep in mind that she will be looking for the values instilled in our vision and mission statements.

Vision: Motivating and Inspiring Gardeners of Ontario

Mission: Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. is a volunteer organization comprised of individuals who are certified horticultural experts and who provide in depth sustainable gardening information to the general public. To paraphrase Claudette, “Sustainable gardening has a broader definition than planting native plants and eradicating / not planting invasive plants. It includes sustainable watering / fertilizer practices and soil management” and not using pesticides.

So join in and help celebrate the **Year of the Garden 2022**. We have 29 MG groups and we hope to have 29 entries to showcase Master Gardeners of Ontario. As a group, if you have more than one project on the go, send a second entry. I would be happy to answer any questions. Please send them to Kathleen Gorsline at: marketing@mgoi.ca.



A Message from the President

Karen Sciuk, President MGOI

MGOI is advertising two positions on the MGOI Board:

1. Corporate Secretary
2. Vice President (VP)

Corporate Secretary Terri Briggs will have completed her six year term sometime before the 2022 AGM. It would be ideal to have a replacement, working as a member at large until the hand-off, so that they can overlap with Terri for a couple of months to ensure continuity. This would also ensure that the Corporate Secretary training can happen well in advance of the October 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Similarly, I would like to find a VP to start by the 2022 AGM so that they are well aware of how the Executive functions for a few years before they become President. I do not expect to continue my term past the end of 2024.

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

The job description for Corporate Secretary is posted in Annex 1 at the end of this Newsletter. Interested Master Gardeners, please contact Terri Briggs at secretary@mgoi.ca, or Karen Sciuk at president@mgoi.ca.

The VP job description is on the right. Interested candidates should contact me, Karen Sciuk at president@mgoi.ca.

Job Description - Vice President

- Supports and works closely with the President to assist with his or her duties, especially regarding governance
- Monitors the progress of the organization's goals and objectives
- Reviews information submitted in Annual Reviews and in the Annual Report in order to recognize achievements, share best practices, and identify potential areas of concern
- Assists the relevant Director to resolve potential areas of concern, and if necessary bring them to the attention of the Board of Directors
- Works with the Membership Director and others to fill vacant Board positions
- Assumes the duties of the President in his or her absence
- Succeeds the President



MGOI Invasive Jumping Worms (JWs) Poster

Extensive information about JWs can be found on the MGOI website:

<https://www.mgoi.ca/resources/resources.html>. This poster is available for download at:

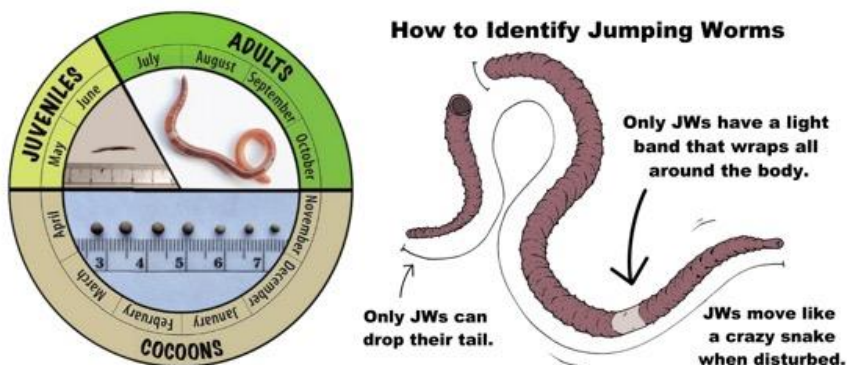
<https://www.mgoi.ca/resources/Jumping-Worms/spread-the-word-not-the-worm-poster-pdf.pdf>. Once we're into July JW cocoons/eggs will have hatched and evidence of JWs should be more apparent. Please be on the lookout.

JW Life Cycle & ID

JWs die in winter and hatch from eggs in spring from cocoons the size of a poppy seed. They begin to hatch when soil temperatures reach 10°C/50°F and continue to hatch throughout the summer. In May and June JWs are tiny. Plants, mulch, soil and compost sold in spring may contain JWs but they won't be evident until they mature (July to October); they develop a **light band** (clitellum) near their head that is smooth and goes the whole way around the worm. Other earthworms have a raised saddled-shaped band. Late summer is the best time to detect JWs and tell them apart from other earthworms. They are found near the top of the soil, often in large groups, and **thrash wildly** from side to side when disturbed. If agitated, JWs can **drop their tail**. No other earthworms have these three features.

Support Research by Reporting JWs

Encourage the public to use Ontario's *Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System* to report JWs: www.eddmaps.org/ontario/



Invasive Jumping Worms

Spread the Word NOT the Worm!

What's the problem?

Jumping Worms (JWs) are now confirmed in Ontario (Windsor-Essex in 2014, and Dundas, Toronto and Wheatley in 2021). Most earthworms in Ontario are non-native, but JWs cause much more damage & spread much more quickly. They can kill plants by stripping the soil of nutrients, leaving behind bare, dry granular pellets. They are a threat to our gardens and lawns, farms and forests, as well as bird and animal life.

Prevention is Important!

There are currently no controls or pesticides to stop these worms. Become familiar with JW appearance, life cycle and snake-like movements. JWs die over winter, but their eggs survive in small cocoons and begin to hatch when temperatures reach 10°C. One JW cocoon is enough to infest a garden. JWs will thrash and jump wildly if disturbed and may even drop a part of their tail. They are most easily identified, when they mature (July-Oct).

Make a Difference by Reporting JWs

Use Ontario's Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System to report JWs: www.eddmaps.org/ontario/



Scan this QR Code for more information.



What You Can do Now

Bait: Never use Jumping Worms for bait. Fish don't like them and they don't stay on a hook. Dispose of all unused bait in garbage, never on natural lands.

Arrive Clean / Leave Clean: Clean footwear before and after visiting any private, public garden or natural area.

Ask Questions: Ask nurseries, landscaping companies and soil, compost and mulch providers how they are controlling JWs. If they know nothing about JWs, then be concerned and offer to share information with them.

Inspect New Soil: Check new mulch, compost, and soil for JWs.

New Plants: Inspect the soil & roots before planting in your garden. Be aware that in spring, worms will be tiny and impossible to identify. Choose bare-root plants or grow plants from seeds when possible.

Safe Disposal: Kill suspected JWs by freezing, leaving in a bag out in the sun, or soaking in vinegar or rubbing alcohol. Discard in garbage.

Infested Soil: Soil can be placed in sealed plastic bags and left in the sun. Temperatures need to reach a minimum 40°C for at least 3 days, before being safe to reuse in the garden.



Master Gardeners of Ontario
April 2022



Master Gardeners Out & About

Projects & Events

London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: London Public Library Partnership

Details: London Middlesex Master Gardeners partnered with the London Public Library to assist with their plant exchange after a two year hiatus during the pandemic.

Various library locations across the London area held plant exchanges and LMMGs were there to answer questions, and to educate the public on invasive species such as jumping worms and periwinkle, to name a few.



A Satisfied Customer



MG Rhonda Persichilli at the Library Plant Exchange

Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

Name: Plant Sale

Details: Another successful Plant Sale at the Guelph Arboretum on May 28th!

This year our group hosted the plant sale in conjunction with *Pollination Guelph*, *Enabling Gardens* and *Guelph Nature Wildflower Society*.

Congratulations Janine and team!



MGs Susan, left & Lyanne: Tallyers



MGs Sharon, right & Leslie: Cashiers



Mississauga Master Gardeners

Name: In the Zone Native Plant Advice Clinic

by MGIT Ramona Christiansen

Details: MMGs had the pleasure of working with World Wildlife Fund Canada (WWF-Canada) and Loblaws on Saturday May 14th, promoting native plants through the *In the Zone Native Plant Advice Clinic*. The event was held at Loblaws locations across Ontario and our crew helped out at the Loblaws Supermarket on Glen Erin Drive in Mississauga. We had a lovely sunny day promoting the importance of planting native plants in our gardens to attract butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects. It was very rewarding to see customers' shopping carts filled with native plants when they left the outdoor garden market! We enjoyed bringing awareness of native plants to their attention along with any additional advice. Locally sourced native plants are so important to help reverse habitat loss and restore our ecosystems.



L to R: MGs Donna Hormozian, Emma Chow, Ramona Christiansen



MGs Donna Hormozian, left and Emma Chow



Name: Mississauga Seedy Saturday

by Karolina Marques (MGIT)

Details: MMGs took part in the Mississauga Seedy Saturday event on May 14th with an Advice Table. It was held at the Unitarian Congregation in Mississauga. The event, which was held both indoors and outdoors, was helped by the bright sunny weather and warm temperatures. There was a steady stream of visitors with questions ranging from how to grow vegetables to repotting and splitting a large Christmas cactus. Our own MG Susan Quirk presented a talk on growing vegetables in raised beds or containers. The talk focused on advice for new gardeners, stressing the importance of science-backed practices and providing great informative handouts on seed longevity and 101 plants well adapted to container gardening. All in all it was a very successful event, especially after such a long time not being able to get out to meet people in person.

Name: Plant Sale

Details: MMGs held their spring plant sale on Saturday May 28th at the MacEwan Barn, a heritage structure on the grounds of the beautiful Riverwood Conservancy (a 150 acre park and urban oasis in Mississauga).



L to R, MGs Catherine Fleming, Donna Hormozian (standing), MJ Kucerak (seated)



Our members were busy growing plants from seed and dividing plants from their gardens to ensure a successful event. A great day was had by all while we offered advice and watched our plants go to new gardens!



MGs Diana Westland, left with Emma Chow



MG Susan Quirk



MG Natalie Scola



Stratford & Area Master Gardeners

Name: ReLeaf Stratford

Details: Thanks to a grant of \$6,025 from TD Friends of the Environment [ReLeaf Stratford](#) was able to purchase 400 native trees and shrubs to plant in the T.J. Dolan Natural Area. Native trees / shrubs purchased included: sugar maple, hemlock, chinquapin oak, shagbark hickory, hackberry, serviceberry and dogwood species. The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and the City of Stratford Parks Department provided advice on the species to be planted.

On May 17th and 18th Stratford and Area Master Gardeners were joined by members of the Stratford Horticultural Society, Kiwanis Club of Stratford, the Stratford Field Naturalists, Stratford Perth Tree Trust, a Stratford District Secondary School English as a Second Language class, and volunteers from the community at large to plant the trees. Karen Pugh from the UTRCA was on hand to help and the City of Stratford provided mulch for the newly planted trees.

The T.J. Dolan Natural Area needed additional native species to support wildlife, including birds and pollinators. "We appreciate this grant from TD Friends of the Environment," said Don Farwell, Coordinator for Stratford & Area Master Gardeners. "Native plant species are vital to support declining wildlife and insect species."



Tree Planting in T.J. Dolan Natural Area

"This grant from TD Friends of the Environment will help local biodiversity and move us closer to our goal of planting 2022 trees in Stratford in 2022. Also, planting native trees will contribute to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation's goal of planting one million trees by 2030."



Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners

Name: PMG Plant Sale

Details: On Saturday June 4th PMGs were very excited to have our first plant sale since the spring of 2019! Under the direction of MG Chris Freeburn and her committee, plants were properly prepared following the MGOI guidelines for 'Jumping Worms'. We had many beautiful plants delivered by members and as usual we had customers lining up at the door waiting for the first opportunity to get in and shop! What was the best part of the day? All of us being together, talking plants and having fun.



L-R Sue Flinders-Adams, Brenda Thompson, Gary Westlake, Sally Rye, Etela Vojnic, Lois Scott, Dianne Westlake, Carol Anderson, Joan Harding, Cheryl Harrison, Rachel Burrows, Sue Lajeunesse, MJ Pilgrim, Emma Murphy, Laura Gardner, Jennifer Guertin, Anne Trudel-Inglis, Chris Freeburn and Margaret Higgins

Name: Peterborough Public Library Project

Details: June has been a very busy month for our library garden project! As mentioned in past newsletters, our group has partnered with the Peterborough Public Library and the Peterborough and the Kawarthas Association of Realtors to help develop pollinator gardens in the Library



PMG Marilyn Homewood talks about the importance of pollinators and how to plant

Commons, and to assist in providing education about the plants and their importance to pollinators.

June 10th was a day for children to learn about pollinators. They planted native plants (*Rudbeckia hirta*) in the garden and took part in crafts and stories with the Children's Library staff,

focussing on pollinators.

A great time was had by all and the children all went home with a trowel and a plant for their own garden. Assisting with the planting and education were PMGs Marilyn Homewood, Cheryl Harrison and Lois Scott.

Name: Day for Gardens 2022

Details: June 18th, which was recognized by the City of Peterborough as the 'Day for Gardens 2022', was an exciting day that included the grand opening of the Native Plant Garden in the Library Commons.



MG Cheryl Harrison, Coordinator PMG

Our PMGs were in the garden with our advice table answering gardening questions including those about the native plant garden.



L-R Jennifer Guertin, Sharleen Pratt, Marilyn Homewood, Gladys Fowler and Laura Gardner



Name: Anne Trudel-Inglis and Pathways to Stewardship and Kinship

Details: Peterborough and Area Master Gardener in Training, Anne Trudel-Inglis, volunteered to work with Dana, a kindergarten teacher from R.F. Downey School in Peterborough, through the Pathways Project:

<https://pathwayproject.ca>. The project was to plant a raised bed in their school yard. Anne did a thorough analysis of the site and in consultation with Dana chose a mix of herbaceous and woody perennials to fill their bed. A number of plants came from Anne's own garden. Anne planted with the children describing the parts of the plant and their growing needs. She describes the children as "eager to help plant, water, carry the tools and even requesting a hug at the end". Gardening has many wonderful rewards! Outstanding Anne!



MGiT Anne Trudel-Inglis planting with students

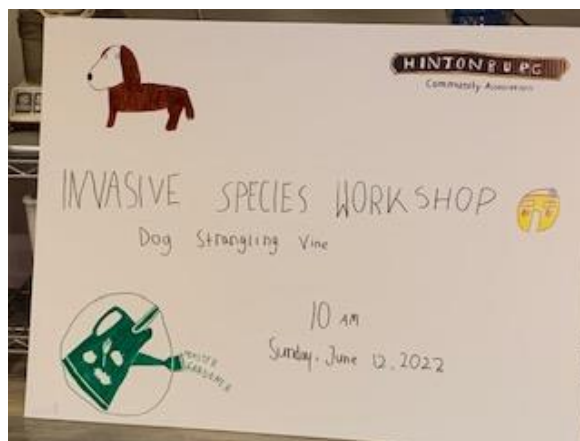


Anne Trudel-Inglis

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Invasive Plant Workshops

Details: An ongoing project initiated by MG Barbara Long has Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton partnered with CAFESOttawa (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) to help local community groups identify and remove invasive species from green spaces. On Sunday, June 12, Barbara conducted a first workshop on dog strangling vine (DSV) removal in her Ottawa neighbourhood. Despite inclement weather a half-dozen people showed up to help uproot DSV. Of note, publicity for the event was aided by Barbara's granddaughter, Sloane, who produced a lovely poster.



Name: Dundonald Park "Year of the Garden" Event

Details: Sunday, June 12th, 2022 was the first "Year of the Garden" event held in Ottawa and it was opened by Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. The weather was perfect. The Master Gardener table was right beside a table for the Friends of the Central Experimental Farm and there were many other organizations present. The event went from 1-4 pm but people came early and began to ask questions – at least 43 people with 58 questions. The second hour was the busiest.

Some were first time gardeners, and some were very experienced and brought native plants for us to try to identify. Some of the participants stayed with us for up to half an hour each. It was a very worthwhile event. Thanks to MG Adair Heuchan for leading this effort and to MGs Andrea Knight, Belinda Boekhoven and Cynthia Anderson for staffing the advice table.



Name: Meet the Monarch

Details: Led by past Coordinator

Julianne Labreche, this was an inter-generational celebration of monarch butterflies, featuring a bug- and butterfly-themed bake sale, a pollinator plant sale, kiosks for local vendors, a fairy garden display, native storytelling and drumming, a bug parade for kids and so much more! The event was made possible in part by a partnership with Kitchissippi United Church which allowed us to use their space for free. A partnership with the Monarch Teachers' Network enabled us to engage the next generation of gardeners in two ways. Several schools participated in a competition to design a poster on butterfly-friendly gardening. Representatives of the network were also present to answer questions all day and provided a short play on what makes a monarch butterfly work.

Despite blustery cold weather, approximately 200 people attended. Revenue from the plant sale, bake sale and donations amounted to approximately \$2,400, making the event as successful financially as it was in terms of community outreach.



June 18, 2022 | 10 am-3 pm
Kitchissippi United Church (500 Island Park Dr, Ottawa)
Find out more at mgottawa.ca

Toronto Master Gardeners

Name: Toronto Master Gardeners June 2022 Meeting with Guest Speaker Durham MG Ingrid Janssen

Details: The Toronto Master Gardeners' June 2022 meeting took place in-person for the first time in more than two years, at the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG).

We were thrilled to start the evening with a fantastic peony tour given by Ingrid Janssen, a fellow master gardener with Durham Master Gardeners, a member of the Canadian (and American) Peony Society, and a dedicated peony-ophile.

It was wonderful to be able to see so many of our members face to face, rather than over Zoom!



MG Ingrid Janssen – TMG Peony Tour at the TBG



Monica the Monarch got her wings, antenna, proboscis, and eyes from Dr. Lepidopterus during a short play put on by the Monarch Teachers' Network. Photo by Julianne Labreche.



Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

by MG Ren Duinker, Coordinator

Name: Wellington Market

Details: Now that we are all finally back out in person with our local gardeners, we were pleased to be invited to take part in the Wellington Market this year. We had an advice table set up on May 21, June 4, and June 11. We had a theme for each market: Vegetable Gardening; Beneficial Insects; and Transitioning to Native Plants. Lots of visitors came to our booth and we were happy to answer lots of questions.



Photo Credit: Margot Rivers



MGs Andie Wiens, left and June Crocco at the Wellington Market

Name: Plant Sale

Details: We all left home in the rain the day of our plant sale on May 28, but the sun came out and we had one of our most successful sales ever!

We held a draw for a birdhouse created by retired MG Steve Storms and the winner was absolutely delighted.

Thanks Steve!



Name: 99.3 FM "The Voice of The County"

Details: For the past two years we have been giving radio talks on our local radio station. We've covered a wide range of topics from starting seeds, pruning, the physical and mental benefits of gardening through to food stability and landscape design.



We want to thank our partners at 99.3 FM "The Voice of The County" for the invitation.

The audio files for all of our talks can be found on our website at: <https://pecmastergardeners.ca/99-3-county-fm-radio-talks/>

Name: Native Plant Sale

Details: PEC MGs partnered with Tree The County, PEC Horticultural Society and the PEC Field Naturalists to offer native plants for sale on June 4 in Picton. There was a very good turn out and we were, once again, delighted to be out in person, meeting with and talking to local gardeners.



MGs Colette McKinnon, left with June Crocco





Northumberland Master Gardeners

Name: Warkworth Lilac Festival

Details: Northumberland Master Gardeners held their first clinic of the year on May 28th and 29th at the Warkworth Lilac Festival. It was a very successful two days with lots of questions from gardeners. We were fortunate to see Ontario's 29th Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell plant a white lilac to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.



Name: Potluck Garden Party, June 19, 2022

Details: We like to finish off our season with a garden party and this year we met in MG Susan Warrack's beautiful garden and had a lovely lunch that made me think we should be putting out a cookbook!

The weather was glorious, and we had time to sit and just socialize with one another and catch up.

We were delighted to present two of our members with their MG certificates.

What a great day! Thanks Susan!



Back Row, L to R: Margot Rivers, Ren Duinker, Susan Warrack, Quentin Wyne
Front Row, L to R: Colette McKinnon, Kim Beaugrand, Barbra Stock, Aleksa Kaye, Pam Piercey, Andie Wiens and Winnie.
Missing from photo: Sandy Goranson. Photo Credit: Dianna Miller.



Left to right: MGs Victor Freiberg, Judy Kaufmann, Mark Gordon and Kat Kinch



UPCOMING EVENTS

Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

Name: Open Gardens

Details: Several members will open their gardens to the public in celebration of the Year of the Garden 2022.

Robert Pavlis: **Aspen Grove Gardens, 8 Megan Place, Guelph**

Open the first Saturday of every month from May-Oct. from 1-4:30 pm. This is a 6 acre garden with ponds and waterfalls. There is a large selection of plants.

Inger Knudsen: **8121 Indian Trail, Eden Mills/Rockwood area. Open garden July 2nd and 9th from 1-4 pm.**
Large rural garden. Well kept vegetable garden.

Pat Van Benthem: **127 Yorkshire St. N., Guelph. Open Garden July 9th from 11am-4 pm.**
The garden is a small, urban shady garden.

Susan Mason: **82 Cambridge St., Guelph. Open Garden July 9th 11am-4 pm.**
Small downtown garden. Mainly shade/part shade under trees. Mix of native and non-native plants.

Margaret Stewart: **Cadenza Garden, 6025 4th Line East, Ariss. Open July 16th from 12-4pm and July 19th from 3-7pm.**
Large rural garden. In July, several garden beds brighten the space with a large collection of daylilies.

Name: Speaker Series – Year of the Garden (YOTG) Dates & Speakers:

July 13th at 7:00pm:

Lee-Ann Downey – Stonewall Lavender Farm

August 10th

Pollination Guelph

Please check our website for times and further information: <https://www.gwmastergardeners.ca/year-of-the-garden-2022/>

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Upcoming Events

Details: After two years of COVID lockdowns, MGOC are finally returning to **in-person advice clinics**. We will have advice tables at ten local farmers' markets over the coming season, for a total of about 50 advice shifts.

We are also running virtual events, including a return of the very successful **Trowel Talk Live Learn over Lunch Sessions**, which take place on Wednesdays at 12:30 until November 2.

Our annual lecture series in partnership with **Friends of the Central Experimental Farm** was virtual again this year and proved to be popular – the final talk is on Tuesday, September 13.

We have a new partnership with **CAFESOttawa**, working with community groups to identify and remove invasive plants from parks and common areas. All in all, we expect to be very busy over the next few months!

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Name: Virtual Gardening Workshops at Humber Arboretum

Dates: Oct. 15th and Nov. 19th

Address: Humber College North Campus grounds, 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto

Details: The **Eco-Garden Community Workshop series** are virtual workshops hosted by the Etobicoke Master Gardeners and Humber Arboretum throughout the year.



Join the Etobicoke Master Gardeners and Humber Arboretum for free VIRTUAL gardening workshops!
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
March 5: Let's Get Growing - Growing Your Own Plants
April 23: Native Plant Gardening
June 25: Pests and Pathogens
Oct 15: Pruning
Nov 19: Indoor Plants
(PLUS: In-person Trees & Shrubs Tour of Humber Arboretum, tentative for May 14, 2022)

Zoom meeting details will be provided after registration.
Register at [Humber.ca/arboretum/events](https://www.humber.ca/arboretum/events)

Etobicoke Master Gardeners
www.etobicoke-mastergardeners.ca

HUMBER ARBORETUM
www.humber.ca/arboretum



Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Seminars, Equal Grounds Community Gardens

Details: Our members will be giving brief presentations again this year on various topics about how to grow vegetables and herbs. The Equal Grounds Community Gardens (EGCG) provide assistance and support to a network of community gardens maintained fully by community residents and volunteers. Our thanks to Anne Saunders, who volunteers with EGCG, for bringing our two groups together and allowing MGs to share their knowledge within the community.



Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Seeds Alert

Canadians are encouraged to connect with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) before sending seeds abroad.

As Canada's plant health regulator, the CFIA plays an important role in making sure seeds from Canada meet internationally agreed upon regulations. Over the past year, the CFIA has seen an increasing number of notifications of non-compliance from foreign countries about seeds exported from Canada without proper phytosanitary (plant health) certification. Seeds can potentially be invasive in some countries or spread plant diseases or other pests. That's why it's important to check requirements with the CFIA. Not meeting requirements has consequences.

For example, the destination country may destroy the seeds and issue Canada a notice of non-compliance. All seeds, including those in small packets for gardeners, must comply with the import requirements of the destination country.

Please share this information with the Canadian public to increase awareness of the important steps to take when shipping or exporting seeds to protect international plant resources, our economy and the environment. The CFIA has spokespeople available for interviews, people who are experts in plant health imports and exports. Our experts are also willing to write and submit a piece if that is of interest.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Media Relations, Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Government of Canada,
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Tel: 613-773-6600

- Additional links/Background information:
[Shipping and exporting seeds from Canada; Plant health at the CFIA; Chronicle 360; plant health; Canada's plant health hero challenge; Join the plant health movement](#) (Chronicle 360)



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

