



*Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario*

# Inside

# MGOI

Welcome to the May 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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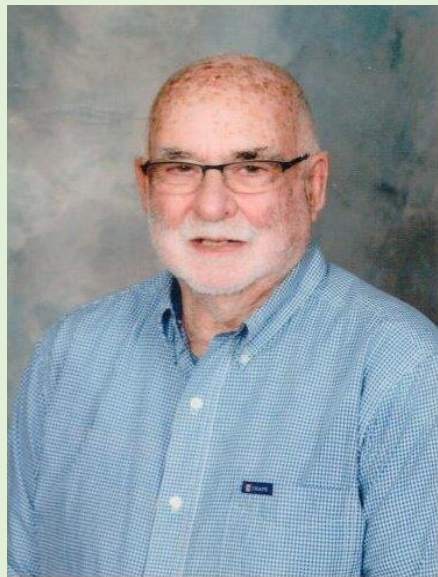
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## Milestones

### Grey County Master Gardeners

#### In Memoriam

Paul Statia



Grey County Master Gardeners lost one of its founding members with the death of Paul Statia on April 13, at the age of 79.

Paul was born in Orangeville, moving as a youngster to Wroxeter, a small town in Huron County where he spent the rest of his life. He married his childhood

sweetheart, Joyce, in 1966, and was the proud father of four children, grandfather of six, and great grandfather of two at last count.

Paul started his 33 year career in education in 1964 as a teacher in a one room schoolhouse. Talk about a one man band – he even had to act as the school bus driver on occasion! In 1968 he moved from the classroom to the principal's office with the Huron County Board of Education, filling that position in three area schools until he retired in 1997. During the early years of his career he spent what little free time he had available studying, and received his Master of Education degree from the University of Ottawa.

Don't think that Paul put his feet up after he retired. With a group of dedicated gardeners from Bruce, Grey and Huron counties he helped establish the Tri-county Master Gardeners, now the Grey County group. As a Master Gardener, and later a Master Gardener Emeritus, Paul generously shared his time and knowledge with the community as well as with other members of the group.

Paul believed strongly in community service and was a charter member of the Howick Optimist Club as well as

part of the building and finance committees for the Howick Community Centre. A classic car enthusiast, we never knew what fancy set of wheels would transport him to our meetings. Come the fall, however, he and Joyce would head south to winter in the warmth of Brownsville, Texas.

Dedicated to education to the end, Paul was part of the body bequeathal program at Western University, to provide learning opportunities even after his death.



In this picture, Paul and Vicky Thompson, Co-Coordinator (on the right) present two books to the Dundalk library to mark Paul's retirement as an active Master Gardener, and the assumption of his role as Master Gardener Emeritus.



### Northumberland Master Gardeners

#### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Shelly Fredericks



Shelly, left, receiving her MG Certificate from Christa Bisanz



## Mississauga Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardener in Training

Donna Hormozian

The Mississauga Master Gardeners are pleased to welcome Donna Hormozian as a new member. Donna has indicated that she has an interest in home gardening and seed starting. She comes to our group with previous volunteer experience and she has already been contributing to our group. Donna recently volunteered for an *In the Zone* event that our group supported and helped with our plant sale on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Donna!



## Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners

### Member Profile

Jennifer Guertin



Jennifer has been selected by the David Suzuki Foundation as a Butterflyway Ranger for the Butterflyway Project, a 'volunteer-driven campaign that aims to create networks of butterfly-friendly habitat in communities throughout Canada'.

<https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/>

Jenn is initiating plans with volunteers from her Lakefield, ON community to plan for and create habitat gardens in Lakefield. PMGs are proud and fortunate to have Jenn as a member of our group. She is a knowledgeable and responsible garden professional who is passionate about gardening. We look forward to seeing her

project move forward.



## Stratford and Area Master Gardeners

### 5 Year Anniversary

Karen Potter

Karen is a stalwart member of Stratford and Area Master Gardeners and a keen volunteer at our events. She is currently our treasurer and not only handles our day-to-day finances but also the numerous incoming and outgoing transactions from our ReLeaf Stratford project.



## Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

### 35 Year Anniversaries

Lee Boltwood

Fran Dennett

Polly McColl

Joan McNabb

These four very special people, founding members of Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton, celebrated 35 years of service in 2021. We are honoured to have these long-serving members who are still active within our group and generously share their wisdom with us!

### Member Profiles

Lee Boltwood

Lee is a founding member of MGOC and has been in the Master Gardeners' program since 1986, filling many roles locally as well as serving on the MGOI Board of Directors. She has gardened for over forty years, thirty of them in Ottawa on over two acres with sandy soil. Lee is an experienced, practical gardener, a past-president of the Stittsville-Goulbourn Horticultural Society, has a special interest in trees and shrubs, grows her own food, maintains three water gardens and has interests in many other aspects of gardening.





On Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the plan was for Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, and Councillor Glen Gower, Stittsville Ward, City of Ottawa, to lead a Commemorative Naming Ceremony for the Lee Boltwood Park located at 4879 Abbott Street East, Stittsville, in Ottawa's west end. This has been delayed by the May 21 storm that ripped through parts of Ontario including Ottawa. This will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton are enormously proud of Lee and her many accomplishments in service to Ottawa's gardening community!

### 15 Year Anniversary

Gail Labrosse

### 10 Year Anniversary

Susan Bicket

### 5 Year Anniversaries

Heather Clemenson

Nancy Fowler

### MGiTs who have joined since May 2021

Morgan Whitehead

Denise Bonomo

Lee Ann Smith

Caroline Koehler

Andrea Knight

Shazia Hussain

Kathy Kearns

Sylvie Lapointe

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton are pleased to welcome a bountiful crop of new MGiTs.

**Denise** joined us in June 2021 and is our liaison person with Kitchissippi United Church, where we meet, and where we manage the Alcove Garden. **Shazia** joined in October 2021 and **Kathy** in January 2022 – both are concentrating on completing their courses. **Andrea** joined us in October 2021 and is already serving an important role in our monthly newsletter, [Trowel Talk](#). **Caroline** joined us in September 2021. She has completed the required courses through Guelph University and is leading us in developing a new and much more attractive website. **Lee Ann** also joined us in September 2021. She is pursuing her education at Guelph University and is apprenticing as our Education Coordinator. **Morgan** joined us in July 2021, and **Sylvie** in April 2022 – both joined with the educational component completed.



## Muskoka Master Gardeners

### Master Gardener Status Achieved

Sean Patchett

Congratulations Sean! Since joining our group in March 2020 Sean has been an extremely active member and we are so happy to have him in our group.

Throughout the pandemic he was responsible for organizing most of our Zoom meetings.

Sean has great ideas that we are looking forward to working on.



### Resignation

Rosemarie Meyer



We are so sad to have Rosemarie leave our group in April but we wish her every happiness in her new location. She is moving to be closer to her family.

Rosemarie joined our group in 2004 and has been an active member over the years. It has been a joy getting to know her and

spending time with her. In April we had a lovely afternoon tea together to spend some time reminiscing and to give her a well deserved gift. She has been our Treasurer for many years and we will certainly miss her. Good Luck in the future, Rosemarie, and thanks for all you have done!



## Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners

### New Master Gardener in Training

Amy Ellard

### Member Profiles

Danielle Grignac

Judy Brisson

#### **Danielle Grignac**

*Special Interest: Community Gardens*

Danielle is an architect and Master Gardener who joined the Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners in 2018. She started gardening as a child when she was involved in her local Horticulture Society; she learned much earlier than most people that peanuts grow underground.



After she spent a transformative season on a permaculture farm in France in 2012, gardening became an integral part of her life. The following summer, she joined her first community garden in Cambridge, ON. Since then, she has been both a gardener and planning team member with numerous community gardens, as well as cultivating her own property with a small fruit orchard, an annual vegetable garden, and perennial beds. Danielle is an avid learner and has been enjoying the MG community immensely.

Along with her roles in community gardens, Danielle is involved with the YOTG (Year of the Garden Group) and the popular Minute with a Master Gardener on FB.

#### **Judy Brisson**

*Special Interest: Native Plants*

Judy joined MGs in 2004 and is the secretary for the group, along with her roles in other plant organizations. Judy is our go to for native plant ID and information.

Judy says:

I have been gardening with native plants since about 1990. My goal is to evoke various habitats of the Canadian landscape and attract the insects, birds and animals associated with them, while minimizing the use of supplemental water and chemicals. I have an “ecological” garden – beds are arranged not by colour or as a single species mass planting but as mini habitats with plants that would naturally grow together in nature. The yard provides wildlife habitat including food, water and shelter. Dead wood is left standing, brush piles provide shelter and plants provide food for mammals, birds, butterflies and pollinating insects. Mammals that visit include raccoon, porcupine, weasel, opossum, muskrat and four species of squirrel. Many of the native plants I grow are difficult to find as plants and I actively grow native plants from seed.

The journey to native plants has been long and interesting. I learned from courses, books and experimentation. I am thrilled that what was once a fringe movement is now mainstream with native plants readily available in garden centres.

I have been active with Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners, The Waterloo Wellington Wildflower Society (now Nature Guelph Wildflower Society) and am a member of the North American Native Plant Society. I love to share my passion for native plants and have done presentations, lead tours, lead seed workshops, and shared my garden on tours. And of course, I share my



plants at the Nature Guelph and the GWMGs plant sales and at plant exchanges.



## Mnemonics for MGITs

by Margaret Larson, Halton Master Gardeners

Here is the May batch of mnemonics for MGITs. This is the third in a series of mnemonics whose purpose is to help MGITs (and seasoned Master Gardeners) remember those esoteric terms and names that are impossible to remember.

Don't forget to send some back to me for next month:  
Margaret Lawson @ [larsonmzz@yahoo.ca](mailto:larsonmzz@yahoo.ca).

The first one for May comes thanks to Halton MG Claudette Sims.

**Binomial Nomenclature** - that pesky order by Carl Linnaeus

**Kids Demand Cheese Over Fried Green Spinach**

- Kingdom, Division, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species

And just in case you only want to remember the last three: **Family, Genus then Species**

- F comes before G, G comes before S, and S comes after in the alphabet.

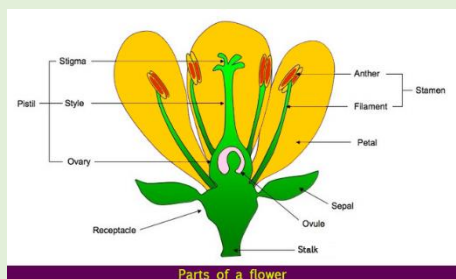
Pistil = the female part of the flower - "pistil packin' mama"

SOS = **Style, Ovary, Stigma** (the parts of the pistil)



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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Parts-of-a-flower.png>

## Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation (CCIPR) – May Update



Great news! The Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation website is now live and publicly accessible:

[https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5NygI-yY2pw\\_e-WdNC2h0yIlLvR1ZUVtXNMZK5Lwz1BYgWRkqAc](https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5NygI-yY2pw_e-WdNC2h0yIlLvR1ZUVtXNMZK5Lwz1BYgWRkqAc)

A press release announcing this initiative went out to various media outlets the last week in May. This will create a buzz! Please use social media to help spread the word.

The next team meeting is on May 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss tactics and volunteer roles that are needed.

If you are interested in joining the team or becoming a **supporter** (you agree with our objectives), **partner** (you want to help spread the word) or **team member** (join us in meetings and doing outreach), please 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](mailto:webmaster@mgoi.ca).

Thanks!





**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**



## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@mgoi.ca), or Karen Sciuk at [president@mgoi.ca](mailto:president@mgoi.ca).

The VP job description is on the right. Interested candidates should contact me, Karen Sciuk at [president@mgoi.ca](mailto:president@mgoi.ca).

### Job Description - Vice President

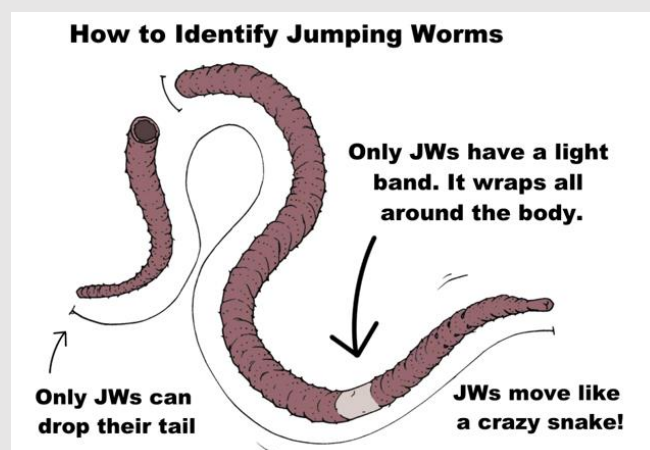
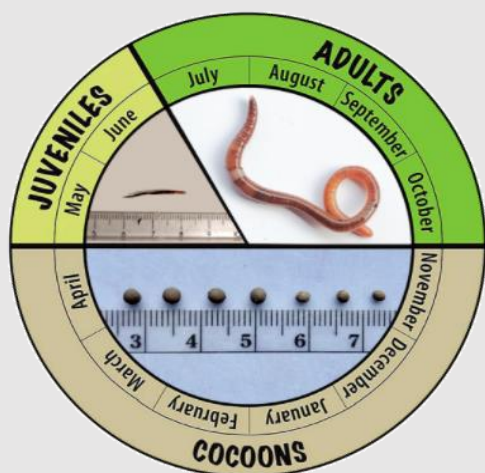
- Supports and works closely with the President to assist with his or her duties, especially regarding governance
- Monitors the progress of the organization's goals and objectives
- Reviews information submitted in Annual Reviews and in the Annual Report in order to recognize achievements, share best 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





## Reminder – Stopping the Spread of Invasive Jumping Worms in Ontario

by Halton MGs Claudette Sims & Cathy Kavassalis



Master Gardeners need to be ready with information, strategies and resources to support home gardeners and horticultural societies. Although Jumping Worms (JWs) are a major threat, we need to focus on what can be done and not let fear or their presence overwhelm us. Let's do our part to limit their spread, support research, and encourage gardeners to enjoy their gardens. Have JW materials and a poster and ID guide printed out to share information at advice clinics and plant sales. Include JW information as a public service message at the end of your garden presentations or on social media. (See resources at end of this article.)

### Explain the Problem

As you know, JWs were confirmed in Windsor-Essex in 2014, and Dundas, Toronto and Wheatley in 2021. JWs cause much more damage and spread much more quickly than other earthworms. They can kill plants by stripping the soil of nutrients, leaving behind bare, dry granular pellets that look like coffee grounds. They threaten our gardens and lawns, farms and forests, as well as bird and animal life. There are currently no controls or pesticides to stop JWs.

### Become Familiar with the 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. From May to June, JWs are tiny. If you find a large worm in the spring, it won't be a JW. Plants, mulch, soil and compost sold in spring may contain JWs but not show evidence of JWs. When they mature (July to October) they develop a **light band** (clitellum) near their head. The band is smooth (you can't feel it) and goes all 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 and 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.

### Focus on Prevention

People spread JWs without realizing it. JW egg cases (cocoons) can be in soil, mulch, plants, landscaping equipment and in even the treads of shoes and tires. One cocoon or worm is enough to infest a garden.



## **What Gardeners Can Do to Stop the Spread**

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

## **Arrive Clean / Leave Clean**

Clean footwear before and after visiting any private or 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 and roots before planting new plants 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. If you get a plant before July, you may want to keep the plant in its pot until JWs can be more easily identified.

**Quarantine** new plants by placing them in a container (e.g., sturdy plastic bag, pot, tub) that prevents worms from escaping or cocoons from washing away.

## **Safe Disposal**

Kill suspected JWs by freezing, leaving in a bag out in the sun, or soaking in vinegar or rubbing alcohol. Ensure they are dead before discarding in the garbage.

## **Infested Soil**

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

## **Support Research by Reporting JWs**

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

Resources to support Master Gardeners and the Public can be found on our mgoi.ca website under "Resources": <https://www.mgoi.ca/resources/resources.html>:

- [Invasive Jumping Worms – Information for Home Gardeners](#)  
[Invasive Jumping Worms – Dealing with Infestations in your Garden](#)  
[Invasive Jumping Worms – Information for Plant Sale Volunteers & Organizers](#)  
[Invasive Jumping Worms - Poster \(.pdf\)](#)



## Master Gardeners Out & About

### Projects & Events

## Northumberland Master Gardeners

### Name: Partnership with Ed's House

### Northumberland Hospice Care Centre

**Details:** The Northumberland Master Gardeners (NMGs) have recently partnered with Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre. In exchange for regular meeting space in the Education Room, a committee of NMG volunteers will provide expert advice and assistance with the maintenance of the gardens at Ed's House. Some of the NMG activities will include the monitoring of tree and plant health, container gardening on the terrace, pruning, and recommendations for future plantings.

The NMG volunteers look forward to collaborating with the Ed's House garden volunteers in upcoming planning meetings, especially to generate ideas to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022. In working alongside each other, all volunteers will have the opportunity to share their skills and interests in a meaningful way to contribute to the betterment of the gardens. Cultivating this partnership aims to enrich both passive and active garden experiences for the entire Ed's House community.



## Mississauga Master Gardeners

### Name: Earth Day, Saturday April 23, 2022

**Details:** The Mississauga Master Gardeners were invited by the City of Mississauga Parks, Forestry and Environment Division to host an advice table as part of the Erindale Park 'Earth Day' tree planting event. The day was windy and rainy with 250 trees set out for planting by the City of Mississauga crew. Approximately 50 volunteer Mississauga residents registered to help plant a tree.

Various questions from a variety of topics were brought to the MMGs table.

Members of MMG also took their turn at planting a tree (digging warms you up!).

Much appreciation is extended to the City of Mississauga for offering their invitation. All participants were enthusiastic (if cold) and the MMG presence was well received by the residents and City Personnel.



*Left, Karolina Marques with Ramona Christiansen*



YouTube link to the event is here:

<https://youtu.be/zqAN3vsf6Tw>

In the video Karolina Marques is on the left, Diana Westland is in the middle (she wrote the little blurb) and Ramona Christiansen is on the right with the Canada hat. Ramona created the video from footage taken at the event.





## Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

**Name:** Friends of the Farm Plant Sale, Sun. May 15

**Details:** Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton joined other horticultural societies and local speciality vendors at a community plant sale. This annual event had not been held for the past two years due to COVID and there was real excitement in the air – to say nothing of hundreds of eager buyers!



## Muskoka Master Gardeners

**Name:** May 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Details:** Some members of Muskoka MGs met in person at River Mill Park in Huntsville.



*From left to right: Cathy Mackie, Lynn McIntosh, Sara Drawehn, Sean Patchett and Moira Payne*

## Grand Erie Master Gardeners

**Name:** Bite of Brant

**Details:** GEMG once again volunteered at the Bite of Brant event on April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, where several hundred grades 4-6 students in Brant County learned about farming and the agri-food industry. The students were shown how to grow herbs and vegetables from seeds.



*L-R: Christa Hunter, Lisa Medeiros, Anne Saunders*

**Name:** GEMG Online Native Plants & Heirloom Vegetable Sale

**Details:** GEMG held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Online Native Plants & Heirloom Vegetables Sale this month. Members grew heirloom vegetables from seed which were sold along with a variety of native plants. Our sale was very successful...surpassing last year's sales and interest by many gardeners and local horticultural groups. We also included the sale of our grow bags which were created by our members as well. Thank you to Martine Emery for doing such a fantastic job with stencilling these bags!



## Stratford and Area Master Gardeners

**Name:** ReLeaf Stratford – May Update

**Details:** There is a growing awareness in Stratford and across Ontario about our disappearing native bird and animal species due to loss of habitat. Native plants support native insect populations which are vital for providing food for birds and animals; without them we are faced with empty and silent landscapes. However, local people are coming together to reverse this frightening trend. SAMG are spearheading a project to help restore native habitat.



Called ReLeaf Stratford, MGs have teamed up with other local groups to plant 2,022 native trees and shrubs in Stratford in 2022, the Year of the Garden. SAMG held a very successful ReLeaf Stratford event the last weekend in April selling upwards of 600 native trees and shrubs as part of the group's ongoing efforts to improve the city's tree canopy. Perth County is predominantly farmland and has the second lowest tree cover in Ontario, sitting at about 10 per cent, well below the threshold recommended to maintain significant biodiversity.

This was the first sale the group has hosted, offering local residents an opportunity to purchase native species. elderberry, New Jersey tea and bush honeysuckle were just a few of the pollinator friendly species sold to provide additional habitat for birds, animals and insects. More ReLeaf Stratford events are planned in May. For more information visit [releafstratford.ca](http://releafstratford.ca).



*Social distancing prevails as MG Don Farwell talks to a customer at the plant sale*

### **Name: Creating Nature Inspired Gardens**

**Details:** SAMG and Stratford Public Library concluded their well attended and acclaimed [Creating Nature Inspired Gardens Series](#) with an informative lecture by Dr. Victoria MacPhail on *Native Plants for Pollination – Linking Plants and Pollinators together in Your Garden*. Participants learned about pollinator basics, focussing on the importance of pollinators, an overview of pollinator decline, and how to reduce further decline by creating pollinator friendly gardens. Gardens can include window boxes, flower beds, garden plots, commercial grounds and landfills. A continuous succession of flowering plants throughout the season is critical, along with nesting and overwintering sites that are best provided by not tidying up the garden in the fall. Clusters of plants make it easier for pollinators to collect pollen and nectar. Victoria encouraged participants to go to [BumbleBeeWatch.org](http://BumbleBeeWatch.org) and get involved.

## **Peterborough Master Gardeners**

### **Name: Peterborough Public Library Project**

**Details:** As mentioned in the last two newsletters, our partnership with the Peterborough Public Library (PPL) involves planting native plants in gardens around the library, a special day of planting with children registered in a Library program about pollinators on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and a grand opening day June 18<sup>th</sup>, the day the City of Peterborough has chosen to acknowledge the 2022 Year of the Garden.



*Before - PPL Garden Area*

On May 14<sup>th</sup> a group of PMGs planted more than 250 native plants including perennials and shrubs. The day was sunny and warm and the team of dynamo MGs worked together completing the planting in under three hours! The gardens were covered in compost and mulch generously donated by the City of Peterborough. The funds for plants, signage and other program essentials were donated by the Peterborough and the Kawarthas Association of Realtors. We were very grateful for the rain that fell after planting and can hardly wait to see how things develop! We are looking forward to June 10<sup>th</sup> when the children will plant *Rudbeckia hirta* in the library garden and have one to take home for their own gardens. Stay tuned for more updates and photos!



*L-R - Gladys Fowler, Anne Trudel-Inglis, Lois Scott, Laura Gardner, Sharleen Pratt, Anne Craig, and Jennifer Guertin. Photo taken by Cheryl Harrison.*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

**Name:** Open Garden Days – Robert Pavlis Garden

**Date:** First Saturday of every month from May-October:  
Robert's open garden is June 4, 2022.

**Time:** 1-4:30

**Where:** 8 Megan Place, Guelph ON

**Details:** everyone welcome

Other GWMGs will be opening their gardens this season – dates TBD.

**Name:** YOTG (Year of the Garden Group) – Minute with A Master Gardener

**Speaker:** Speaker: Samantha Dupre (City of Guelph) on *Community Gardens*. More speakers in July, Nov. and Dec. TBD.

**Date:** June 8, 2022 at 7 pm

**Details:** For further details, please visit our Facebook and Instagram page:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=guelph%20wellington%20master%20gardeners>;

<https://www.instagram.com/gwmastergardeners/>

**Name:** Bus Trip

**Date:** Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Details:** GWMGs will travel to the Niagara Falls / St. Catharines area.

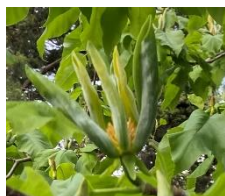
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### Northumberland Master Gardeners

**Name:** Port Hope Garden Tour

**Date:** June 11, 2022, 10 am to 4 pm

**Details:** Northumberland Master Gardeners will be present in select gardens hosting clinics throughout the garden tour. There will be 10 gardens on the tour. We will be visible in our green aprons.



### Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

**Name:** [Meet the Monarch Day](#)

**Date:** Saturday, June 18, 2022

**Details:** Come rain or come shine, MGOC will be hosting a very special inter-generational event in honour of monarch butterflies. The event will take place at [Kitchissippi United Church](#) and will showcase the work we have done over the past few years to rehabilitate the church's Alcove Garden, transforming it into a vibrant garden filled with native plants that attract pollinators and other wildlife. The event will include a pollinator plant sale, a bug-themed bake sale, a display and mini-workshop on building a fairy garden, Indigenous story telling about native plants, a children's bug parade and much more!

**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!

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### Grey County Master Gardeners

**Name:** Ginkgo Footprints Eighth Annual Garden Event – Among the Peonies

**Date:** Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9 – 4

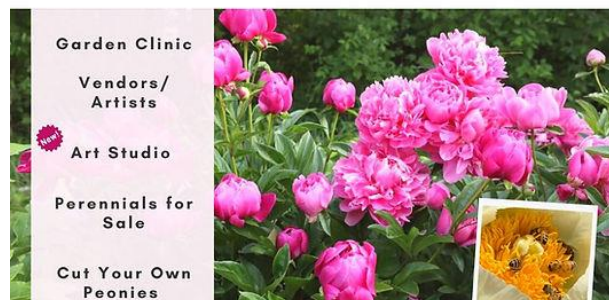
**Details:** After a two-year hiatus - thanks to you-know-what - Grey County Master Gardeners will once again hold an advice clinic at this exceptional private garden, northeast of Owen Sound.





Since 2009, when watercolour artist Emily Bi and her husband, Dennis Zhang, first began working on their three-acre-property in Annan, ON, [Ginkgo Footprints](#) has been a way to combine Bi's art – focusing on exquisite Chinese brush painting – and their combined passion for gardening, especially peonies. They now have more than an acre of diverse gardens around their home, including 300 varieties of peonies, 200 types of hostas and an extensive collection of local native plants.

For more information including directions go to [Ginkgo Footprints](#).



**WHERE:** 303283 Sideroad 33, Annan, ON

**WHEN:** Sat, June 18, 2022 9am – 4pm

\*Rain date: Sun, June 19, 2022

**COST:** Pay What You Can (\$5 suggested donation)



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## 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.

## Etobicoke Master Gardeners

### Name: Virtual Gardening Workshops at Humber Arboretum

**Dates:** June 25, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

**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.

Eco-Garden Community Workshop Series

**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)

**Etobicoke Master Gardeners**  
[www.etobicokemastergardeners.ca](http://www.etobicokemastergardeners.ca)



Zoom meeting details will be provided after registration.

Register at [Humber.ca/arboretum/events](http://Humber.ca/arboretum/events)

**HUMBER ARBORETUM**  
[www.humber.ca/arboretum](http://www.humber.ca/arboretum)

## London Middlesex Garden Tour

### Name: Bloomin' Tour – Sunday, June 26, 2022

**Details:** Hear ye, hear ye...The London Middlesex Group will be holding a Bloomin' Garden tour of MGs Gardens in celebration of 2022 Year of the Garden! Six (6) members of LMMG will open their gardens to the public on this date. **Tickets:** \$15 each; available starting June 1 via Eventbrite.



Year of the Garden  
Année du jardin  
**2022**

**London Middlesex Master Gardeners**  
**Bloomin' Tour**

In celebration of the Year of the Garden, join us for a behind the fence tour of six Master Gardener's gardens.

*Sunday,*  
**June 26th**  
**10:00-4:00**

Gardens are located in and around London. Exact locations are provided at the time of ticket purchase.

Each garden will have Master Gardeners on site to answer questions.

A shoe wash station will be provided at the entrance to each garden.

\$15/person  
Rain or Shine event

Tickets go on sale June 1st  
available at <https://bit.ly/BloominTour>

For more information:  
[LondonMiddlesexMasterGardeners.com](http://LondonMiddlesexMasterGardeners.com)

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## MGOI Summer Workshops 2022

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

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

**Details:** The Summer Workshops are on for this summer! We still have a few spots available.

**Registration:** is now open and will be due by June 1st/2022. Education Director Kate Sault sent the forms out April 20<sup>th</sup> via email.

Spaces are limited to 45 participants. All participants must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask inside the classrooms.

Yvonne Causer: [ycauser@hotmail.com](mailto:ycauser@hotmail.com) is accepting registrations. 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.

**Cost:** \$275 per participant; this fee includes lunch and breaks catered by the Niagara Parks Services.

**Accommodation:** is available at the Niagara College Residence.

## Topics

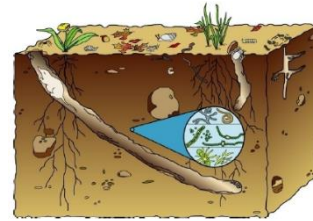
### 1. Soil Health – Understanding, Maintaining and Sustaining

**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 gardens 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 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.

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.



<https://extension.unr.edu/publication.aspx?PubID=3066>

### 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.



[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tree\\_galls\\_are\\_rarely\\_cause\\_for\\_concern](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tree_galls_are_rarely_cause_for_concern)



### 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.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara\\_Parks\\_School\\_of\\_Horticulture#/media/File:Niagara\\_Parks\\_School\\_of\\_Horticulture\\_building\\_-\\_2010.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_Parks_School_of_Horticulture#/media/File:Niagara_Parks_School_of_Horticulture_building_-_2010.jpg)

## 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 timing is appropriate now as people start to think about spring gardening and with the United Nations' recent declaration that [May 12 will be International Day of Plant Health](#). 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, [cfia.media.acia@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:cfia.media.acia@inspection.gc.ca)  
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

