



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Inside

MGOI

Welcome to the July edition of *Inside MGOI*, the Master Gardeners of Ontario, Inc. (MGOI) newsletter.

The Newsletter focuses on you, Master Gardeners! This is your venue for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 29 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. The Newsletter features member milestones, group projects and activities, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. Please feel free to submit pictures – they are most welcome!

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INSIDE MGOI

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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Halton

Milestones

Durham Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training

Anita Mensink



Anita is our newest MGIT. She has always been a gardener and has training in Retail Floriculture from Humber College. For 14 years Anita worked at Native Plants in Claremont and enjoyed all of the learning experiences it gave her.

She has registered to start her courses at

Guelph in the fall and is looking forward to continuing her education.

Anita has been using her strong organizational and event planning skills in her community volunteer work on various Whitby area school councils and the Durham Catholic Separate School Board. She has also volunteered with Whitby Station Gallery and St. Vincent's Kitchen.

Anita, welcome! We all look forward to working alongside you in Durham Master Gardeners!



Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

10 Year Anniversary

Lynda Bobinski

New Master Gardener in Training

Wendy Wright

Welcome Wendy, our newest Master Gardener in Training! Wendy comes to us with many years of vegetable gardening and volunteering experience.

As the Reeve for The Township of Gillies she has added taking her MG courses at

Guelph to her very busy calendar! We look forward to working with Wendy on our many MG projects and events and tapping into the valued experience she brings to our group.



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

New Master Gardener in Training

Adrian Barber

MGOC welcomed new MGIT Adrian Barber on July 7th. A new gardener, Adrian is currently completing the required MG courses through Dalhousie University. He has a particular interest in permaculture methods and organic growing, and his garden has been certified as wildlife friendly by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.



Member Profile

Lee Boltwood

On a blazing hot sunny June 24th afternoon, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson and Ward 6 (Stittsville) Councillor Glen Gower were on hand for the dedication of the new Lee Boltwood Park.

Lee, one of MGOC's original members, was characteristically modest, beginning her remarks with the statement, "I feel like I'm at my own funeral!". A good turnout of gardeners from both Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton and the Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society congratulated Lee, as did Arlene Row, who designed the beds and planting for the new park.

This photo, taken by MGOC member Judith Cox, shows Lee standing in front of the podium at the dedication ceremony.



Of Interest

MGOC is also pleased to congratulate MG **Mary Ann Van Berlo** on being awarded the Ontario Horticulture Association's D3 Service Award. Mary Ann was nominated by the Brockville & District Horticultural Association with representations made on her behalf by the Gloucester Horticultural Society and the Ottawa Horticultural Society.



A Message from the President

Karen Sciuk, President MGOI

Board Vacancy - Vice President (VP)

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

If MGs are interested in this position we like to appoint them to the Board as a Director at Large prior to assuming duties.

The VP job description follows. 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





Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation (CCIPR) – July

Meetings are on hiatus for the summer but

work continues. Resources are found on our website:

[https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5NygI-yY2pw_e-](https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5NygI-yY2pw_e-WdNC2h0yIILvR1ZUVtXNMZK5Lwz1BYgWRkqAc)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503444570040194/>

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!



Mnemonics for MGITs

by Margaret Larson, Halton Master Gardeners

Here are Margaret's July mnemonics for MGITs and Master Gardeners – to help us remember those esoteric terms and names that are impossible to remember.

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

Since we have so many flowers blooming I thought I'd pass on some old and new mnemonics about flowers.

Stigma = sticky, female part of the flower - **stickyma** (to trap the pollen)

Thrillers, spillers and fillers - three things needed when planting in containers

SEE the **seed** (three main parts) = **S**eed coat, **E**mbryo, **E**ndosperm

Anthus = flower, therefore **Dianthus** is the flower of the gods

Poly = multi, therefore **polyanthus** = multi flowered

Dianthus, the flower of the gods.



Picture credit: Shijan Kaakara,
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?search=dianthus&title=Special:MediaSearch&qo=Go&type=image>



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 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.



Master Gardeners Out & About

Projects & Events

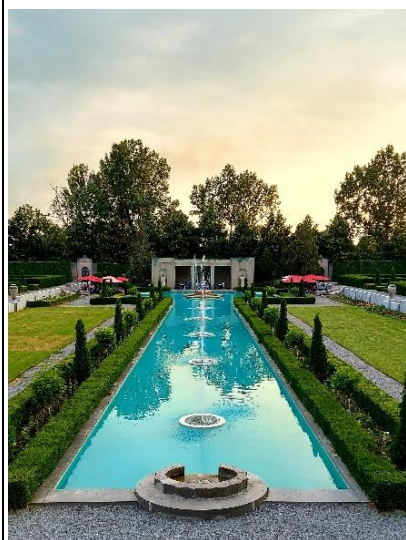
Durham Master Gardeners

Name: June General Meeting at Parkwood

Details: Durham Master Gardeners celebrated our first in person meeting since Covid started at Parkwood Estates on June 30.



We have had 13 new members join since then, and 7 were able to attend. It was a great opportunity to meet people we had only seen via Zoom, learn more about them and share our garden related passions/interests/group roles and initiatives.



MG Ingrid Janssen led us on a tour of the Parkwood Estate grounds, sharing the history and our group's role in helping research, plan and implement the garden redesigns at Parkwood over the last 4 years.



London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: Bloomin' Tour

Details: On Sunday, June 26th the LMMG group held their first ever Bloomin' Tour. Over 200 tickets were sold and the event included 6 MG's gardens. Overall the feedback was extremely positive. The weather held off and a great day was had by many. We had the opportunity to answer lots of questions and have all our gardens admired! By doing this tour we were able to raise \$2100 which we donated to the Growing Chefs organization.



MG Agnes Burroughs is in the green shirt on the left



MG Eve Norman-Vestergaard (right, green shirt) and MG Sherree Mahood (left, green shirt by the table)

Volunteer Lynn Fogal is sitting at the table



Halton Master Gardeners

Name: Advice Clinics at Local Farmers' Markets

Details: Now that Covid restrictions have started to lift HMGs have been out and about hosting Advice Clinics at three major area Farmers' Markets: Ottawa St. Farmers' Market in Hamilton; Ancaster Farmers' Market; and Dundas Farmers' Market. All of these markets feature locally grown produce and most of the vendors grow their produce organically; the taste is hard to beat (unless you grow it yourself).

It's good to be back in person. By far the most interesting conversation piece is the poster on Jumping Worms, especially since they're a fairly new phenomenon. Little boys seemed to be particularly interested. We've also had some questions that have stumped the experts: an interesting one was why their cucumber / zucchini plants were producing so many male flowers and hardly any female flowers. A not so flippant answer was to go to a booth that was selling zucchini and ask them their secret.



MGiT Elisa Bernier, left and MG Allyn Walsh at the Dundas Farmers' Market



L to R: MGiT Kirsten McCarthy, MGiT Liz Martin, MG Lynn Courtney
Photo: Isabel Belanger



MG Allyn Walsh at the Ottawa St. Farmers' Market
Photo: Isabel Belanger

Passersby were invited to try 1 of 3 quizzes (from easy to hard); by completing a quiz they could choose the native plant of their choice. This was definitely fun, engaging and entertaining.



Mississauga Master Gardeners

Name: Lakeview Farmers' Market

Written by: Ramona Christiansen, MGiT

Details: The MMGs volunteered at the Lakeview Farmers' Market in Mississauga on Sunday, June 19th. The market was held at the Small Arms Inspection Building, a heritage site due to its important historical beginnings in the Second World War.



Left: Ramona Christiansen, MGiT
Right: Stuart Plummer, MG



The facility is beautiful with lots of light from the many windows surrounding the space. It is currently home to Creative Hub 1352, an organization that supports community programming and is a proud supporter of promoting events at the Small Arms Inspection Building.

Our table was amongst those of the many artisans and farmers who were there. Music was provided by a local band. It was a great day answering gardening questions and being paired up with a mentor to learn the ropes!

Name: MGOI Summer Workshop

written by: Ramona Christiansen, MGIT

Details: Over the July 9th/10th weekend I attended the MGOI Summer Workshop in Niagara held at the Niagara Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture. Three courses were offered but since I had just finished the Integrated Pest Management Course at the University of Guelph I opted for the Soil Health and Propagation courses. Both were fabulous and I learned a lot. It was wonderful to meet other Master Gardeners from other locations too. The breakfasts and lunches provided were delicious and the location of the course was quite divine! Walking the grounds of the school and being in the greenhouse made the learning even more enjoyable. It was wonderful to see a few students who have a love for the planet and are thinking of entering the horticulture field working in the gardens.

The photos are of Darrell Bley, who taught the *Soil Health - Understanding, Maintaining and Sustaining* Course and Tanya Blankenburg, who taught the *Techniques for Successful Propagation* Course.



Darrell Bley explaining about engineered soil

Both instructors were so knowledgeable and answered all of our hundreds of questions! I love tips and this one I learned from Tanya was great so I thought I would share it.

Willow branches make a natural rooting hormone. Take some willow branches, remove all the leaves, chop the branches up and put them in a bucket. Soak them in water for a day or two. Remove the branches and you now have a natural liquid rooting hormone for your cuttings! How fab is this?

I will definitely attend the summer workshop next year. So worth the price of admission!



Tanya Blankenburg teaching us how to capture witch hazel seeds which have a habit of bursting and dispersing everywhere



Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Grand Erie Master Gardeners Open Garden Tours

Details: On Sunday June 26th we held our Open Garden tours which were well attended. There were six gardens to visit, tickets were sold at local nurseries, and we also had a plant sale and raffle. It was a good day for the 60+ attendees.



Stratford & Area Master Gardeners

Name: ReLeaf Stratford June Update

Details: The Rotary Club of Stratford planted 150 native trees in the T.J. Dolan Natural Area to support the ReLeaf Stratford project. The first 100 trees, which were white oak, red oak, and hackberry, were planted in honour of their club's 100th anniversary. Rotarians also planted 50 river birch and white birch. It was a beautiful cool, sunny day, perfect for planting. Rotarians with their families and friends turned out to help with the planting. We appreciate this contribution by the Rotary Club of Stratford to the [ReLeaf Stratford](#) project. This brings the total number of native trees planted to 1,842.

ReLeaf Stratford, with support from the community, will be planting more trees in September to reach our goal of planting 2022 native trees in 2022.



Planting trees to celebrate 100 years of the Rotary Club of Stratford

Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Year-End Celebration

Details: At the end of June Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners got together to hold our first year-end celebration after two years of being cancelled. We were excited to see each other and celebrate with our new members (Theresa, Susan & Laura) as we looked back on what we were able to achieve during the past two years. We thank and congratulate everyone for their dedication to our group during this time. As well, Membership Coordinator Lynda Lahteenmaa took the opportunity to share a delicious red velvet cake and present Lynda Bobinski with her 10-year badge!



*Back, L to R: Andrea Steinhäusser, Susan Maxwell, Theresa Love, Lynda Lahteenmaa, Aili Dampier, Rosemary McNabb, Laura Jones
Front, L to R: Lynda Bobinski, Sylvia Goodheart, Kaylee Ritchie, Carole McCollum*

Name: Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners Look, Listen & Learn & Plant Sale 2022

Details: After two years of not being able to hold our annual educational workshop and plant sale we were happy to take the opportunity to celebrate the "Year of the Garden" with those who registered for our day of workshops.

Master Gardeners Rosemary McNabb and Kaylee Ritchie presented on plant propagation. They shared their propagation strategies for a variety of methods such as taking cuttings, layering, and dividing. It was all about an inexpensive way to get new plants from the plants you already have.

Maggie Landry and Wendy Wright shared their knowledge of native plants, how they benefit our ecosystem and how to use and care for them in your garden. They also explained strategies on where to start when you want to add native plants to your yard but just don't know where to begin.



Maggie has been involved with a group working to achieve changes to local bylaws that will allow homeowners to change how they plant their yards and boulevards while also incorporating native plants.



L to R: Kaylee Ritchie, Rosemary McNabb, Wendy Wright, Maggie Landry

Lynda Bobinski and Andrea Steinhäusser gave a presentation and demonstration on *Designing Kokedama*. Those attending learned how you can use a moss-covered ball of earth as a container for a plant. They demonstrated various Kokedama designs, how to make them and care for them in your garden or home.

Our event was held on the grounds of Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. We have partnered with them for a few years now and are happy to reinforce the work that they do.

Their **Superior Stewards Shoreline Protection Program** which supports private landowners in planting native vegetation to enhance shoreline and riparian zones, rehabilitate and maintain healthy shoreline habitat, provide erosion protection, and improve water quality is necessary to protect our local and regional ecosystem.

Sylvia Goodheart very successfully planned and coordinated the Plant Sale.

As you can see in the pictures, top right, the focus was to encourage 'Plant Red' in celebration of the 'Year of the Garden'!

So nice to see all the smiles!



Name: Celebrating 25 Years of Participating in Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tours

Details: Throughout the past 25 years Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners have been volunteering their time to answer questions and share gardening advice in each of the gardens featured on the yearly Art Gallery Garden Tour. The Art Gallery Garden Tour is a tradition in Thunder Bay and a great way for Master Gardeners and MGITs to achieve our volunteer hours. To celebrate our partnership with the Art Gallery during 'The Year of the Garden' and commemorate this special anniversary, Master Gardeners prepared and delivered this beautiful container planter bursting with gorgeous red begonias.



Pictured left to right: Kim Kennedy, Development Officer TB Art Gallery, Master Gardeners Sylvia Goodheart, Lynda Bobinski, Lynda Lahteenmaa



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Meet the Monarch Day, Sat., June 18, 2022

Details: This day-long celebration of the monarch butterfly was reported in the June edition of *Inside MGOI*. We have subsequently learned that the event was not only a huge success in terms of outreach to the community, it was also a financial success! Combined revenues from the pollinator plant sale, the bug-themed bake sale, the silent auction and donations from visitors topped \$2,700. Congratulations to organizer in chief, Julianne Labreche!

Name: Veggie Gardening for Kindergarteners

Details: On May 30th Master Gardener Judith Cox and MGIT Kathy Kearns visited Castlefrank Elementary School in Ottawa's west end to address four groups of kindergarteners on growing veggies. They brought marigolds to plant in the gardens to discourage critters that ate the tulips and encouraged the children to plant daffodils. Judith, a former preschool teacher, is great with kids. She explained that a garden can occur anywhere - you don't need a yard. She also explained how to plant veggies. The kids loved this hands-on gardening experience and so did their teachers.



This photo was taken by Kathy Kearns and is of Judith speaking to a group of pre-schoolers

Name: Kanata Garden Tour

Details: One of the nicest and most relaxed advice clinics ever took place on Sunday, July 17th as part of a "Garden Tour & Art in the 'Hood'" event in Ottawa's west end neighbourhood of Kanata.

Master Gardener Rebecca Last and MGIT Lee Ann Smith spent a lovely afternoon being fed sandwiches with lemonade in a shady back yard, while answering dozens of questions from visitors to this neighbourhood tour.



Toronto Master Gardeners

Name: Through the Garden Gate: Secret Gardens of Wychwood

Details: On June 11th and 12th many members of the Toronto Master Gardeners enjoyed one of our most pleasurable activities: participating in the Toronto Botanical Garden's *Through the Garden Gate* garden tour, held this year after a two year hiatus.

TMGs were stationed in each of the 17 residential gardens to help visitors with everything from plant identification and cultural practices to garden design. This year's tour was held in Wychwood Park, a lovely and secluded oasis in mid-town Toronto noted for its Arts and Crafts style architecture, and nearby Hillcrest Park. Advance notice: next year's garden tour will take place in Toronto's Riverdale neighbourhood.



<https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/special-events/through-the-garden-gate-2020/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

Name: Open Gardens

Details: Members will open their gardens to the public in celebration of the Year of the Garden 2022. The Robert Pavlis garden is **open the first Saturday of every month from May-Oct. from 1-4:30 pm: Aspen Grove Gardens, 8 Megan Place, Guelph.** This is a 6 acre garden with ponds, waterfalls, and a large selection of plants.

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

Pollination Guelph - August 10th. Please check our website for times and further information:
<https://www.gwmastergardeners.ca/year-of-the-garden-2022/>

Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Seminars, Equal Ground 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 Ground 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.

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 second season of **Trowel Talk Live Learn over Lunch Zoom Sessions**, Wednesdays at 12:30 until November 2.

Name: Advice Clinic

Date & Place: Sat., August 20th, 2022, Ottawa City Hall

Details: MGOC will be providing advice in both English and French at the OHA District 2 Summer Flower & Edibles Show.

Our **annual lecture series** in partnership with [Friends of the Central Experimental Farm](#) is virtual again this year and has 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!

Looking way ahead 2023 Technical Update: Biodiversity

Details: Our keynote speaker will be [Michael Runtz](#), one of Canada's most highly respected naturalists, nature photographers, and natural history authors. This event is being organized in collaboration with Lanark County Master Gardeners.

Date: Saturday September 9, 2023

Location: Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Dr, Ottawa, ON K1Y 0B7

Cost: TBD

Registration Information: TBA

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.etobicokemastergardeners.ca

HUMBER ARBORETUM
www.humber.ca/arboretum



Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Seeds Alert

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

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Special Summer Feature - Gardens of Ontario Master Gardeners

Calling all MGs and MGITs!

We would like to feature a photo of YOUR garden in the August issue. Please send a photo to newsletter@mgoi.ca. Include your name, group and a caption or paragraph telling us what we are seeing.

Ramona Christiansen, MGIT, Mississauga Master Gardeners

Meet *Genevieve* who graces my backyard with her beauty. A gift to myself for my 60th birthday! I have always been a lover of concrete statues, flagstone and wrought iron. I see her from almost every room in my house and I can't wait to see how the snow gathers on her in the winter.



Northumberland Master Gardeners Promoting "Plant Your Garden Red" in support of Year of The Garden 2022

Through our contacts and through our newsletter, we have been promoting "Plant Your Garden Red" to celebrate *Year of the Garden 2022*. Northumberland Master Gardeners have tried to set an example by adding red to their own gardens. Here are pictures from our members.

Spigelia mailandica (Indian pink), a woodland wildflower that blooms in June



Gaillardia (blanket flower) is a perennial that grows in full sun, is drought tolerant and attracts pollinators.

Red *Echinacea* survives drought and attracts pollinators.



Pelargonium. There are about 280 species to choose from; some are aromatic and are said to repel mosquitos.



Red Bicycle. Planted with *Coleus*, red *Pelargonium* and white *Bacopa*, they are all drought tolerant and happy with a bit of shade from the afternoon sun.



Lilium have large prominent flowers, are fragrant and attract butterflies.

Rosa 'Desmond Tutu' is a repeat flowering (floribunda) rose that is disease resistant, and bears large, loosely double, scented blooms on long stems throughout the summer.

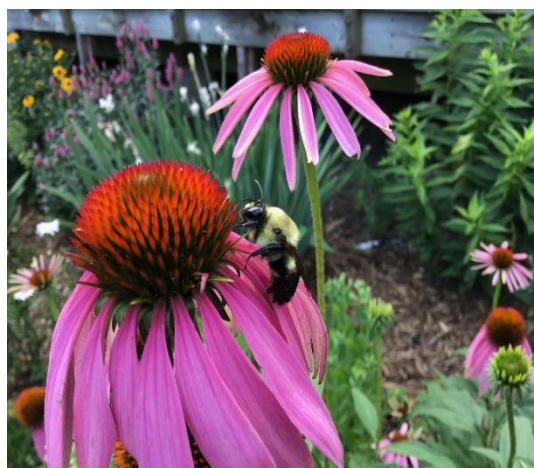


Paeonia lactiflora 'Red Charm'. For Year of the Garden 2022 Vesey's Canada is donating 25% of the sales of 'Red Charm' to support the Year of the Garden initiative.



MG Catherine Fleming, Mississauga Master Gardeners

This photo was taken on July 19th, 2022 in my garden. A two spotted bumble bee, *Bombus bimaculatus*, perches on a Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*).



Mandevilla is an undemanding vine that flowers till frost and can be taken indoors to overwinter.



Wendy Walgate, Toronto Master Gardeners

I'm sending a couple of photos of my 16 bed garden in Erin Ontario. I spend my time all summer on this garden and it's definitely a work in progress. This is a garden of perennials and small ornamental trees.



Lynda Bobinski, Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

I have attached a picture of my **Peony 'Bartzella' (Itoh Peony)** in bloom. I enjoy growing this very large, bright yellow peony with its double blossoms with a slight red center (can just barely see it in this picture). As a bonus the flowers have a pleasant, slightly lemony scent. The flower stems are sturdy and therefore do not require staking.



Isabel Belanger, Halton Master Gardeners

This is a hybrid daylily (*Hemerocallis* 'Desert Icicle') that I got 2 years ago from BC. Finally it bloomed this year – a beautiful spider daylily.



Hybrid daylilies usually clump – they do not have the vigorous underground stems that allow *Hemerocallis fulva*, the common invasive "ditch lily", to colonize an area.

Despite the common name they are not true lilies but are of the genus *Hemerocallis*.

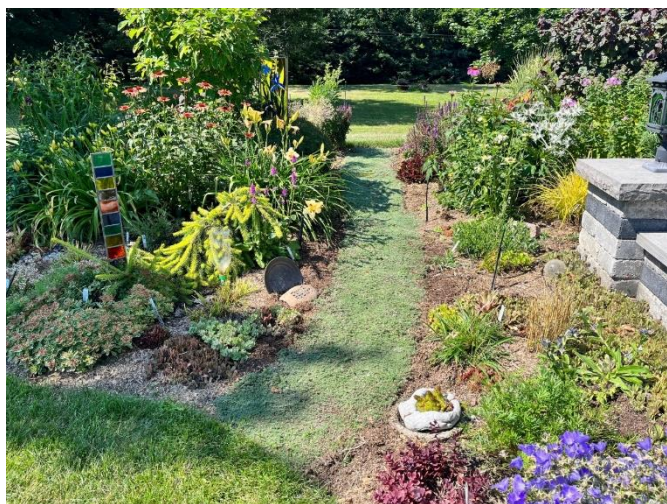
This is one of my favourite late spring flowers that benefits early pollinators: *Gillenia trifoliata* also known as *Porteranthus trifoliata* or Bowman's root. Apparently the name *Gillenia* was close enough to another species (*Gillenia*) that to avoid confusion the name was changed to *Porteranthus trifoliata* after Thomas C. Porter, an American botanist and expert on the flora of Pennsylvania. According to Wikipedia a vote at the International Botanical Congress determined that the names were unlikely to be confused and declared *Gillenia* to be the correct name.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gillenia>



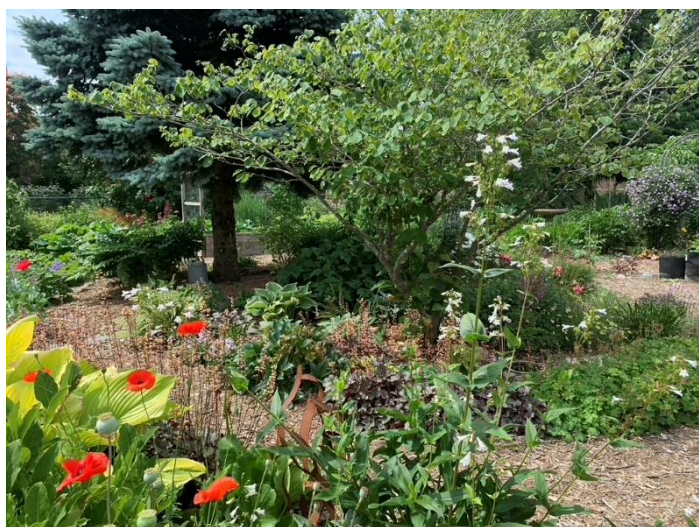
MJ Pilgrim, Peterborough Master Gardeners

I love this pic because it shows lots of colour, some glass art, and a lot of different textures. The woolly thyme pathway is incredible to walk on with bare feet!



Lois Scott, Peterborough Master Gardeners

The habitat, my happy place!



Gary Westlake, Peterborough Master Gardeners

Acanthus (bear's breeches) - this plant can be a bit fussy on transplant but once established, it does well.



Gooseneck loosestrife (*Lysimachia clethroides*) - this seeds around but what's not to like.

