



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Inside

MGOI

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

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

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Milestones

Algoma Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Annette Peltier-Flamand

Congratulations Annette! Annette had taken the required Master Gardener courses at the University of Guelph before she found out about Master Gardeners. She then joined Algoma Master Gardeners in May 2020 and achieved MG status in May 2022. She almost has completed her Horticulture Diploma from the University of Guelph. She is planning to continue her horticultural education by taking Organic Agriculture at Dalhousie. Annette lives in Wikwemikong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island and is very involved in helping her community grow and process their own produce organically.



Niagara Master Gardeners

Member Profile

Bev Campeau - Seedy Guru

*From the June issue of
Niagara Farmers' Monthly
Newspaper –
by Carol Tuck-Riggs*



Bev is now a MG with the Niagara group and promotes Master Gardeners of Ontario whenever possible while also promoting her passions of organic horticulture and seed saving.

For several years, Bev has assisted the Brampton Horticulture Club, the Mississauga MGs, and now Niagara MGs with her intelligence and energy. From the June Newspaper article attached:

In Bev's own words: "[MGs Niagara] have conducted multiple sessions on Zoom. We also host a Seedy Saturday exchange and have a plant sale each year. We are also available to speak at other horticultural / gardening groups. The Niagara group works with [Niagara libraries, Niagara Parks in their Greenhouses], Rice Road Nursery [and other nurseries] to help provide plant information on-site and assists with the "Shaw Garden Tour" in Niagara-on-the-Lake. MGs Niagara also assist with a local hospice, have a monitored hot-line, social media outlets, and have previously organized the MGOI Niagara Parks July seminar weekends.

Bev is happiest with her family, her beloved cat, or in the fresh air, listening to birds, smelling the plants, and getting some exercise.

Bev saves seeds, promotes others to save seeds, and starts a variety of flowers and vegetables each year from her own gathered organic seeds. There is no GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) in Bev's yard. MGs Niagara are blessed to have her amongst us as one of our leaders.



Perennials given away, a free Seedy Library on her front lawn, organic vegetables to her neighbours, Seedy

Saturday Chair for Niagara MGs, Secretary of Niagara MGs, and all-around great woman, this is Bev Campeau.

Retirement

June Streadwick
by Carol Tuck-Riggs

Garden Hero June Streadwick is retiring from Master Gardeners but will remain a stalwart supporter and honorary member going forward. June has been a Master Gardener for 22 years and was instrumental in leading and initiating many of the critical elements for horticultural education. June took on many roles during that time including MGOI Director of Education, Niagara MGs Coordinator, and Niagara Parks Liaison to name a few.

On the promotion of Master Gardener education, while the MGOI Education Director, June initiated the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture annual weekend seminars. She was also the liaison with the U. of Guelph and Dalhousie U. for MG education credits. As the Niagara MGs Education Chair, June initiated our working in the Niagara Parks greenhouses in the winter and spring. June was also instrumental in many other roles such as our Seedy Saturday venue, our meeting spaces, and our relationship with the naturalized parks. As a testament to her determination and energy, during those same busy years, June completed a Horticulture Degree from U. Guelph.

In so many ways and in so many positions, events, and committees, June has been a very knowledgeable, professional, hardworking, and charming Master Gardener representative, respected by all.



June Streadwick in Niagara Parks Greenhouses



[Canadian Garden Heroes - Year of the Garden \(gardenscanada.ca\)](https://gardenscanada.ca)

London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Jonathan Aristone
Sherree Mahood



Coordinator Sandra Elfman, right presents Jonathan with his MG Certificate



Coordinator Sandra Elfman, left presents Sherree with her MG Certificate



A Message from the President

Karen Sciuk, President MGOI

The MGOI Board has two positions open: Corporate Secretary and Vice President.

MGs who are interested in either of these positions will be appointed to the Board as a Director-at-Large with a few months of overlap if possible.

Note that MGOI cannot function officially without a Secretary on the Board. Interested Master Gardeners, please contact either Terri Briggs at secretary@mgoi.ca, or Karen Sciuk at president@mgoi.ca. The job description for Corporate Secretary is posted in Annex 1 at the end of this Newsletter.

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

Board Vacancy – Corporate Secretary

Corporate Secretary Terri Briggs will have completed her six year term sometime before the 2022 AGM and will not continue in this position beyond October. **MGOI cannot function officially without a secretary on the Board.**

It would be ideal to have a replacement now, working as a member at large until the hand-off, so that they can overlap with Terri to ensure continuity. This would also ensure that the Corporate Secretary training can begin in advance of the October 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

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. Please feel free to 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

Although meetings are on hiatus for the summer, the work continues. Resources are found on our website:

https://ccipr.ca/?fbclid=IwAR1KkP0h5Nygl-yY2pw_e-WdNC2h0yIlLvR1ZUVtXNMZK5Lwz1BYgWRkqAc. We

are also on Facebook and Instagram. Visit our Facebook page here:

<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.



Notice of Repair: Vegetation Maintenance

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!



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

Algoma Master Gardeners

Name: Advice Clinic

Details: Members operate a table at the Johnson Farmers Market every Saturday morning from mid-June through the Thanksgiving week-end answering gardening questions, educating the public about invasive species and the pollinator garden located at the site. This garden was created by the Bruce Mines Horticultural Society with support from Algoma MGs.



Advice table in front of the Pollinator Garden

Name: Sustain Algoma Show

Details: On Saturday July 16th we managed to get almost all our little group together in one place for the Sustain Algoma Show at the arena on the same grounds as the Farmers Market. Our newest MG, Annette Peltier-Flamand, drove almost 3 hours to be with us. Two of our members ran a contest for children promoting pollinator plants. A sister group at a table next to ours in the main event space promoted the Butterfly Garden Project and encouraged young people to pot up a free pollinator flower to take home.

We took advantage of this event to present our much loved coordinator, Maria Smith, with a Year of the Garden Garden Hero Award.

Maria has been a Master Gardener since 1986. She inspires. She is a true mentor. She encourages. She loves all things to do with helping people and their gardens grow sustainably.



*From left to right: Tracy Spurway, Cheryl Bayles, Sheila Campbell, Maria Smith (Coordinator and Garden Hero), Anne Cranston, Susan Milne, Patricia Kerr, Annette Peltier-Flamand.
Absent: Michelle Paton*



Peterborough Master Gardeners

Name: School Program - Planting Seeds for Our Future

by Sharleen Ward

Details: This story is about planting seeds for the future of our beautiful earth. Thomas Berry said “teaching children about the natural world should be seen as one of the most important events in their lives”. When children / adults connect more often with the natural world, they are more likely to make choices to protect it. What started out as a project to grow several native plant seedlings turned into a very meaningful opportunity to make a difference in the world. It also resulted in a way to fulfill the requirements of a pollinator certificate I was pursuing.

Since there are a couple of certificate programs happening, to clarify, this experience is for the [Pollinator Steward Certification](#) program through Pollinator Partnership Canada, not the [Suzuki Foundation Butterfly Way Project](#).



Certification requires two steps:

1. Completion of 8 weeks of training modules taken online. Once complete, a short learning form must be filled out to share training takeaways.
2. Completion of 1 habitat creation action and 1 outreach and education action. A similar form must be filled out to show proof of actions taken.

In late January 2022, I began the busy task of “stratifying” native plant seeds in the fridge. I obtained the seeds from the [North American Native Plant Society Seed Exchange](#) and [Wildflower Farm](#). I ended up with 2 racks of plants to plant and sell!



An interested customer turned out to be a teacher of some grade 4 students in a Newcastle school. They had raised funds to create a pollinator garden at the back of their school yard and wanted to have a place to enjoy the class outside in the garden. I thought this was such a good idea that I gave 60 pollinator plant seedlings to their cause. I also put together a presentation for the students to tell them about the importance of pollinators and the benefits of native plants. After a very engaged Q & A session after the presentation, we all went out to the plot to plant the seedlings. Each student planted 2 - 3 seedlings.

As experienced gardeners, we take much of the planting process for granted. When you are new to planting everything is a learning experience. For example, when the students were filling in around the newly planted seedlings, I kept encouraging them to move the wetter soil closer to the roots. I did not realize that several did not know how to tell the difference between wet soil and dry soil. It was only when the 6th student asked the difference that I knew I had missed a teachable moment.

During the question period, I was asked why I became a gardener. Have you ever considered why you became a gardener? Such a loaded question! I did not set out to become a gardener, but I did have two grandmothers who were gardeners. My parents were both gardeners because of their experience with their mothers. I am a gardener because their love of gardening planted a seed in me, so to speak. I told the class that not only are we planting seedlings today, we are planting seeds for the future. Some day, a few or more of the class of children will become gardeners as they get older. What better way to grow future citizens who will care for our earth and make a difference someday. All because they had the chance to experience planting and caring for a garden! This is what planting seeds is all about.



Sharleen Ward speaking to the students



A Student Planting



Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: Supporting the Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour

Details: For twenty-five years Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners have been available in the gardens on the Thunder Bay Art Gallery's Garden Tour. They have not only been there answering gardening questions and offering advice, but many have also made their gardens available for the tour. Over many years, MG Lynda Lahteenmaa has played an active role in visiting local gardens and helping choose those that will be on tour. As well, an MG would organize the group and schedule who would be available in each garden while assuring that a "Master Gardener Pick" was chosen and identified for each garden. Thanks to MG Andrea Steinhäusser who filled this role this year.

This year those planning the tour included two gardens that were in the development phase, something many new to gardening can relate to. The focus was to feature these two gardens as "teaching gardens" where the homeowners would share their ideas and knowledge with those wanting to start new gardens on their property. One of those gardens was Master Gardener in Training Maggie Landry's garden retreat for butterflies and pollinators.



MGIT Maggie Landry, left in her garden; MGs Theresa Love and Gwen Third, right, enjoying Maggie's garden

Maggie has worked over the past year preparing garden beds on her property within the city that once was covered with grass, weeds and over-grown trees and shrubs. She has a plan and the beginning of what will be a more spectacular "Pollinator Habitat" than it is today! Maggie's expertise in native plants and how to use them in a pollinator garden is well demonstrated in her garden.

Hügelkultur, which is literally a garden bed prepared using a horticultural technique where a mound constructed from decaying wood debris and other compostable biomass plant materials



L to R: MGs Rosemary McNabb, Lynda Bobinski, Lynda Lahteenmaa, and Theresa Love; Laura Jones, left with the Hügelkultur gardener

The other garden was one where the homeowner had a specific interest in permaculture or Hügelkultur, which is literally a garden bed prepared using a horticultural technique where a mound constructed from decaying wood debris and other compostable biomass plant materials is later (or immediately) planted as a raised bed. They prepared posters describing what they were trying to achieve in their garden while demonstrating how one can also garden economically.

One thing for sure, all the gardens were appreciated but so many felt including the two teaching gardens was a positive addition to this year's tour. We celebrate and congratulate the Art Gallery Planning Committee, the homeowners, and the Master Gardeners who all worked so hard in providing a successful event!



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Ottawa Year of the Garden – Roaming Wheelbarrows

Details:



Photo by Julianne Labreche

From August 12 to 20, a group of beautifully planted wheelbarrows appeared in strategic locations around the City of Ottawa, often in locations that usually don't otherwise have a lot of horticultural interest. The wheelbarrows, organized by Suzanne Carr as one of the *Ottawa Year of the Garden* activities, appeared in the Byward Market, the National Arts Centre and outside Ottawa City Hall, among other locations.

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton were represented by the gorgeous wheelbarrow garden design of MG Josie Pazdzior. Josie used summer-blooming alliums, crocosmia, sweet alyssum, sedums and cedar, among many other plants, to create a gorgeous and lush mini-garden inside the classic red wheelbarrow.

Name: Ottawa Year of the Garden – D2 Flower and Edibles Show

Date: Saturday, August 20

Details: District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association comprises most of Ottawa and all of Lanark and Renfrew Counties. Since this year is *The Year of the Garden* the show was co-sponsored by the City of Ottawa and held in the Jean Piggott Room,



Photo by Julianne Labreche

an annex to the main foyer of City Hall. The colourfully-dressed official Town Crier opened the event and speakers included Mayor Jim Watson. Hundreds of gorgeous exhibits captured the spirit of the event, with flower designs on themes including: The Red Planet, String Theory and, of course, Year of the Garden. MGOCs very own Julianne Labreche entered in this last category.

Master Gardeners Odette McIntyre (left) and Rebecca Last were also on hand to answer questions with an advice table that attracted significant attention.



Photo credit Rob Stuart



UPCOMING EVENTS

Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners


Name: Open Gardens


Details: Members opened 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.


Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: Upcoming Events

Details: After two years of COVID lockdowns, MGOC returned to **in-person advice clinics**, holding advice tables at ten local farmers' markets, for a total of about 50 advice shifts over the season.

 We are also running virtual events, including a second season 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](#) 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 have been busy over the summer!

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: Fall Plant Sale – Get A Leap on Spring!

Date: Saturday, September 17th, 2022

Time: 8:30 – 11:00 am

Place: 6 Kingsway Crescent, Etobicoke

Details: Join the Etobicoke Master Gardeners at their Fall Plant Sale. There will be **Sun & Shade** plants, including Native Plants, from members' gardens that will help you get a leap on spring with fall planting.



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.



Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. (MGOI)

Name: MGOI 2022 Coordinators' Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date & Place: In person (at last!) on Saturday, October 29th at the TBG (Toronto Botanical Gardens)

Details: Stay tuned for further details in the September issue of *Inside MGOI*.

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.

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: cfia.media.acia@inspection.gc.ca
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- 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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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

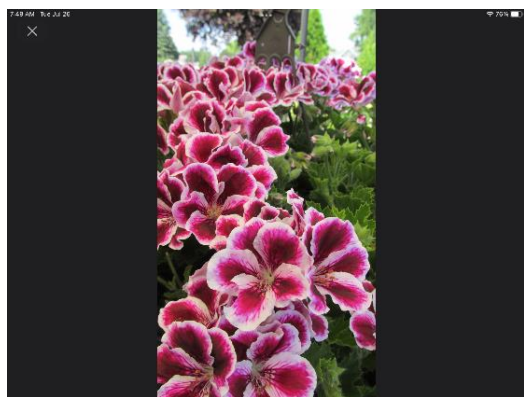
- Provincial Filing
- Annual General Meeting
- Record keeping



Special Summer Feature - Gardens of Ontario Master Gardeners

Suzanne Langlois, Cochrane Master Gardeners

Finally flowers. I especially like the beautiful yellow daylily (*Hemerocallis*). Everything was late here in Sudbury – not enough sun in this area of Hanmer.



Maria Smith, Algoma Master Gardeners

My *Hosta* deck!



Lynda Bobinski, Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

A tropical waterlily blooming so nicely in my pond!



This month, **Northumberland Master Gardeners** would like to share some pictures of their late summer gardens.

Christa Bisanz is known for her vegetable gardening. Below you can see a picture of Christa's vegetable garden beds in all their glory. A basket of yellow beans has just been harvested. An avid gardener, she loves to share her produce with friends and family.



Joy Cullen shares a great idea! She has Zinnias blooming in her garden right now. They have dutifully taken over for the



daylilies that previously bloomed in front of where they were planted.



Lori Groves is sharing a picture of her squash ladder, made from a dismantled old wooden ladder and some lilac branches kept from when she renovated the shrubs in the winter. There are assorted gourds and mini pumpkins happily climbing this support, including Luffa squash (*Luffa aegyptiaca*) which she had never grown before.



Lori started the Luffa seeds indoors in early spring and kept the seedlings on a sunny windowsill with southern exposure until it was warm enough to plant them out.



Lori also sent along a fascinating photograph of Thynnid wasps, *Myzinum spp.* congregating on the white cedar in the evening. They are a parasitic wasp who by day appear in a frenzy to enjoy the narrow-leaf mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*), along with a monarch butterfly for company, below, and spotted bee balm (*Monarda punctata*), below right.



Lori overwintered several of her pepper plants from 2021 on a south-facing sunny windowsill. The plants are thriving, with very thick, woody stems. These are the biggest sweet peppers she has ever grown. The plants produced peppers during the winter too, but they were quite small.



It was so exciting that a leafcutter bee left Lori these incredible symmetrical eyes on a leaf of the Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). You can see the evidence!



Lori also sent along a picture of her Daikon radish which she grew for the first time this year. She made them into a delicious refrigerator pickle.



Carol Anderson

had a delightful visit from a hummingbird moth (*Hemaris spp.*) and spent several minutes watching it hover and feed from her *Lilium* 'Stargazer'.



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Leslie Ferguson

The majesty of the eastern tiger swallowtail against the luscious red lily tree shows the magnificence of Mother Nature.



Carol's *Dahlia* patch provides plenty of cut flowers for her house and to share with friends and family.

Linda Gordon

This chubby black swallowtail caterpillar is enjoying munching on my parsley.



Leslie Ferguson

Mason bee on *Phlox paniculata*. Seeing native flora and fauna together in the garden is very satisfying.

