



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of
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Inside

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

The Newsletter aims to be the voice for Master Gardeners! This is your venue for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 28 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. *Inside MGOI* features member milestones, group projects and activities, short member profiles, upcoming events such as webinars/conferences – anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. Please feel free to submit pictures – they are most welcome! Contributions to future editions of *Inside MGOI* may be sent at any time to the Newsletter Editor, Isabel Belanger, newsletter@mgoi.ca.

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Master Gardeners of Ontario, Inc.**

Editor: Isabel Belanger, Halton

Milestones

Thunder Bay Master Gardeners

2024 Ontario Volunteer Awards

- Aili Dampier, 30+ years
- Carole McCollum, 30+ years
- Lynda Lahteenmaa, 20 years
- Sylvia Goodheart, 20 years
- Lynda Bobinski, 10 years



Left to Right, MGs Carole McCollum, Aili Dampier, Lynda Bobinski, Sylvia Goodheart & Lynda Lahteenmaa

We were pleased to nominate several of our Master Gardeners for a 2024 Ontario Volunteer Award. They were celebrated for their continued commitment and dedication to the community of Thunder Bay and the surrounding districts. A ceremony was held at Fort William Historical Park. Their enthusiasm and passion greatly contribute to the success of our group. Congratulations!



Halton Master Gardeners

10 Year Anniversary

Kate Sault

by *Hariette Henry*

Kate's earliest memories are of spending time with her parents in the garden. They were avid gardeners and had many friends whose gardens she frequently visited as a young child. It therefore came as no surprise that she chose to study botany when she went to university.

After graduation she joined the Botany Department at the University of Toronto, doing research and advising students. She thoroughly enjoyed the work and made many friends there, some who introduced her to growing plants such as dahlias which became a passion. If you've been to her home, you know that dahlias are very beautiful, and they require a huge amount of work to grow successfully.



When she retired it made sense for her to contribute within the same field. She joined a horticultural society and then came upon Master Gardeners of Ontario which was a great fit. In the last ten years she has contributed as the Co-ordinator of the Halton group and as Director of Education. Kate has brought a depth of knowledge to the technical updates that form a part of our ongoing education as Master Gardeners.

Congratulations Kate on ten years of service with Halton Master Gardeners!



Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners

15 Year Anniversary

Robert Pavlis

10 Year Anniversary

Joanne Garnett

5 Year Anniversary

Danielle Gignac



Tri-County Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training

Krystal Brideau

TCMGs were delighted to welcome a new MGIT in June. Krystal lives in Clinton in Huron County and brings a huge number of talents to our group. She is a Pollinator Steward, her property is a Monarch Waystation, she is training to become a Butterfly Ranger (Suzuki Foundation) and she is training through The Pinery (a nearby provincial park) in the area of Bumblebee Community Service.

Her interests are many, including native plant gardening, conservation strategies, the Maitland Trail Association and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. We look forward to Krystal sharing her knowledge which she has gained from all these activities!



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

2024 Garden Poetry Contest Winner

Judith Cox

by Odette McIntyre

MGOC never ceases to amaze! The 2024 Garden Poetry Contest Winner held by the *Weekly Dirt*, an online gardening publication, was none other than Judith Cox, a MGOC Master Gardener whose hobby is to write poetry. She loves playing with poetry genres, like sonnets for example. She says they are like puzzles to her. *Weekly Dirt* wanted a poem on pollinators with the caveat it could be no more than 7 lines. Judith thought that for 7 lines a Diamante would be perfect.

There are just a few rules to writing a diamante:

1. Diamantes are seven lines long.
2. The first and last lines have just one word.
3. The second and sixth lines have two words.
4. The third and fifth lines have three words.
5. And the fourth line has four words.
6. Lines 1, 4, and 7 have nouns.
7. Lines 2 and 6 have adjectives.
8. Lines 3 and 5 have verbs.

Here's an easy way to visualize the rules:

noun
adjective, adjective
verb, verb, verb
noun, noun, noun, noun
verb, verb, verb
adjective, adjective

noun

Got it? Judith then wrote a diamante that started with butterfly and ended in moth. It goes from light to dark and is titled **Summer Joy**. Here it is:

butterfly
fanciful, colourful
fluttering, a-lighting, sipping
sunshine, nectar, petal, pollen
sensing, weaving, hiding
dark, mysterious
moth

BRAVO JUDITH!!! You're a star!



Grey County Master Gardeners

20 Year Anniversary

Jackie Campbell

15 Year Anniversary

Margot Byers

5 Year Anniversaries

Ann Joyner

Paulette Kirkey



MG Ann Joyner (right) receives her five-year pin from coordinator Susan Cox

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Carole Warren



Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners

Graduation

Lara Cochrane

Lara has just graduated from the University of Guelph at Ridgetown College with an Associate Diploma in Agriculture. She won five awards at graduation for her academic achievements. Congratulations Lara!

She is currently editing the soybean section of the OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) agronomy guide. Lara has been a member of GWMGs since October 2022.



Updated Documents: Code of Conduct & Bylaws

by Karen Sciuk, President MGOI

Thank you to all Coordinators and Voting Representatives of our Member Groups who attended our Special Meeting of Members on Wednesday June 26th and voted to approve the updated Code of Conduct and Bylaws. These documents are now available on the MGOI website in the members' section under the MGOI Organization tab.

- MGOI Code of Conduct - <https://mgoi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MGOI-Code-of-Conduct-Final-June-2024.pdf>
- MGOI Bylaws - <https://mgoi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MGOI-By-laws-Final-June-2024.pdf>
- MGOI Bylaws Definitions - <https://mgoi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/By-Law-Definitions-Final-June-2024.pdf>

I would like everyone to please familiarize yourself with them. I would like to thank all Master Gardeners who provided insight and input. In particular I would like to recognize the tremendous efforts of both Dianne Wheler, Director of Operations, and Lois Johnson, Director of Membership, who coordinated all the needed background information and edits to these documents.

Regards, Karen

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Retirement from Kahoot

A Message from Rosebud



Greetings Gardeners,

Gulp, pause for the wiping of a tear - I'm sad to say that I, Rosebud, am all Kahooted out. I will retire as of September 1st. But wait! That doesn't mean Kahooting has to end.

The MGOI subscription to Kahoot comes due in **August**. I know that were another to take up the cause, the generous MGOI Board would support the effort for another year. We could go on to Kahoot again!

To say that being the administrator for Kahoot is fun goes without saying. Besides the hilarity, you learn A LOT, A BUNCH, A PLENTITUDE about gardening - it's certainly made me a much smarter Master Gardener. And I've so enjoyed all the Kahooters I've met along the way. I've never been involved in a project that has had so much positive feedback - there are no grumpy Kahooters.

But enough about me - should you choose to accept this mission, you can run Kahoot anyway you want. There's much potential yet to be explored - new audiences, new learning tools, fundraising, live tournaments - the possibilities are endless.

If you are the least bit interested in this road to glory (did I mention you get volunteer hours), please email me at omgkahoots@gmail.com ASAP for the inside scoop and secret handshake. We need a brand new administrator **committed before mid August**, or Kahoots for Master Gardeners of Ontario retires with the lapsed subscription...

You know ya wanna,

Rosebud





MGOI Board Vacancies

A Message from Karen Sciuk, President MGOI

We



Need

You!!

Roles

Every MG needs to consider the possibility of taking on a future role on the MGOI Board, or a position on an organizing Committee such as the communications team. The public MGOI Facebook group always welcomes more MGs to take a turn as a moderator. A great learning opportunity! The position of Director of Communications has been vacant for three years, and in that absence the rest of the Board has stepped up to fill the gaps as best they could.

By the end of 2024 we will also need a new Webmaster, and new candidates to fill the roles of President, as well as the Directors of Education, Events, and Marketing & Partnerships.

According to ONCA (Ontario Not-for-Profit and Charitable Corporations) guidelines (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rules-not-profit-and-charitable-corporations>) our four year terms on the Board are up! Turnover is always important to keep ideas fresh. Without the dedication of new volunteers in these diverse roles, we will not be experiencing another inspiring conference like the one we just enjoyed.

Bring your fresh ideas and make a difference! We need you!

The VP position transitions into the President’s position; the job description follows below. All Board positions are now posted on the MGOI site at <https://mgoi.ca/>. Members’ login is on the far right (contact your coordinator if you need the password); scroll down to Board Vacancies and you will see all the Job Descriptions.

Interested candidates should contact me, Karen Sciuk at: president@mgoi.ca.

Board Vacancy – Vice President

I do not expect to continue my term past the end of 2024 and would like to find a VP to start as soon as possible so that they will be well aware of how the Executive functions prior to becoming President.

We like to appoint MGs interested in this position to the Board as VP before they transition into the President’s position.

Please read the VP job description and 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 Director of Membership and others to fill vacant Board positions
- Assumes the duties of the President in his or her absence
- Succeeds the President



Webmaster Wanted / MGOI Webinars / MGOI Members Facebook (FB) Private Discussion Group

Wanted - Webmaster

Jim Cook, our webmaster is retiring at the end of 2024. We need a new webmaster! Jim is willing to provide support to ease the transition into the job. An individual (or group) with Wordpress knowledge will transition well.

The candidate will be highly motivated and skilled. If you have a passion for web development and are excited about the opportunity to manage and improve MGOI's online presence, we encourage you to apply.

Job Summary

The MGOI Webmaster will manage everything related to the MGOI website to ensure it is running smoothly and effectively. The position works closely with MGOI Board members. The Webmaster:

- monitors performance – functionality, speed and design – and analyzes data to identify opportunities for improvement
- stays up-to-date with the latest web development technologies and trends
- provides technical support and creates content as needed
- manages website hosting, domain registration, and other technical aspects of website management
- creates and maintains website backups and disaster recovery plans
- performs other duties as required

Access to Past MGOI Webinars

All MGOI Webinars have been recorded, and the link is on the MGOI website, <https://mgoi.ca/>; members' login is on the far right. If you don't have a password your Coordinator will be able to provide it. Once you're in the members' section, scroll down to the bottom and click on workshops/webinars.

The MGOI Members Facebook (FB) Private Discussion Group

This is a private group: 'A discussion page for registered members of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc., Canada; this includes current active MGs and MGITs. To join, you must be an active member of the Master Gardeners of Ontario and belong to a local MG group.'

This group is:

Private - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

Visible - Anyone can find this group.

History - Group was created on January 3, 2020. Name was last changed on October 12, 2023.

See more - May include flagged content. Admins may allow some posts and comments to be visible in the group even if they're flagged by Facebook's systems. [Learn more](#)



Master Gardeners Out & About Projects & Events

Thunder Bay & District Master Gardeners

Name: June Meeting & Potluck Party

Details: MG Sylvia Goodheart and her spouse Chris Goodheart graciously offered their beautiful log cabin in Kaministiquia ON as the setting for our wind-up June meeting and potluck party on June 15th.

We were fortunate that the weather cooperated. We were able to sit outside, and it was wonderful to catch up and socialize.

Spouses and significant others were also invited and toured the property during the meeting.



L-R - Barry & Lynda Lahtenmaa, Jack Van Gemeren, Andrea Steinhäusser, Aili & Boon Dampier, Chris & Sylvia Goodheart
missing from photo - Carole McCollum, Rosemary McNabb, Hedy Koski & Marcus Steinhäusser

Lanark County Master Gardeners

Name: Machan Garden Tour

Details: Unlike other groups, Lanark County Master Gardeners like to visit unique and interesting spots around the county each month. On July 8th, we visited the Machan Gardens. This garden is owned and operated by a wonderful couple who both have full time, demanding jobs and yet their gardens are very awe inspiring. The highlight on this visit was the Lavender fields, at the peak of their blooming.



Lavender Field
Photo: Sabina Barrett

The trellised apple orchard was starting to produce apples and the raspberry rows were filled with berries.

The couple attend the local farmers' markets and the natural food store to sell their berries, lavender and cut flower bouquets. The gardens are beautifully kept, and it is a pleasure to visit them.



Trellised Apple Orchard
Photo: Dale Odorizzi



Back Row-Jordan Scott-Richer, Paul Pietsch, Victor Wark, Kevin Long; Front Row-Sabina Barrett, Gerda Franssen, Helen Halpenny, Dale Odorizzi, Judy Wall



Tri-County Master Gardeners

Name: Tri-County Master Gardeners at Work

by Leslye Glover, Tri-County Master Gardeners

Details: The Tri-County Master Gardeners (Huron, Oxford, Perth) recently completed the final phase of the refurbishment of a garden at the Stratford General Hospital (SGH). Our group, formerly named Stratford and Area Master Gardeners, began work on the circular bed in front of the SGH Emergency Entrance in early autumn, 2023.

Spearheaded by long-time MG Don Farwell, they removed invasive weeds and shrubs such as burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*). The area was then covered with heavy cardboard and wood chips to suppress future weeds.

MG Elizabeth Spedaliere developed a stunning design for the area, featuring plants and shrubs native to this area. In 2023 the TCMGs planted a swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*) in the centre of the bed, surrounded by fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) and dwarf bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*) shrubs. The funding for these plants came from a grant from the Donald McTavish Conservation Fund held within the Stratford Perth Community Foundation.



Planting on June 17th, Stratford General Hospital

In June of this year, over a period of 2 weeks, the group weeded and then planted approximately 120 native plants. Included were smooth blue aster (*Symphotrichum laeve*), little bluestem grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) and orange butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), among others. This area will be a feast for the eyes as it fills in. It will also be a haven for bees, butterflies and other insects, which are vital to the survival of plant and animal life.

The Tri-County Master Gardeners would like to thank the volunteers from Nancy Campbell Academy for their assistance with planting and weeding. Thanks also to the individuals who have donated to the ReLeaf Stratford Project and the volunteers who have assisted in planting and bed preparation. Funds were used not only to purchase plants for the Hospital but also allowed the TCMGs to plant native shrubs in public spaces in Stratford.



Grey County Master Gardeners

Name: Thornbury Farmers' Market

Details: Grey County MGs run an advice clinic at the Thornbury Farmers' Market every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from May to October.

Here is MG Ann Joyner ready for the onslaught.



Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Workshop – "Honey, I Shrank the Lawn"

Details: The Grand Erie Master Gardeners ran a very successful workshop on Sunday July 14th. Titled "Honey, I Shrank the Lawn", MG Kevin Kavanagh taught attendees the importance of gardening for nature, different gardening techniques to replace lawn and how to gradually build in more native species in established gardens. The locations were beautiful: Red Fox Farm in Port Ryerse followed by the established native gardens at the historic Van Norman-Guiler home in Normandale.



Kevin Kavanagh gave an informative workshop on the benefits of planting native species, garden planning and establishing plants for various conditions. Assisting Kevin were MG Lynne Goulet-Smith, and MGiTs Laura Rodger, Erin Casey and Liz Hopkins.



MG Lynn Goulet-Smith carrying a flat of native plants

MGiT Kim Hutten was unable to attend but was a huge help managing our registration and website. Treasurer MG Len Cole helped with the financials.

Name: Long Point Basin Land Trust Workshop

Details: MG Nancy-Lee Colibaba and MGiT Laura Rodger also helped make presentations at the Long Point Basin Land Trust workshop at Kevin’s South Coast Gardens on July 7th.



MGiT Laura Rodger presenting on July 7th (MGs Nancy Lee-Colibaba and Kevin Kavanagh, seated)



*MG Kevin Kavanagh presenting at the July 14th workshop - pointing out compass plant (*Silphium laciniatum*)*



MG Kevin Kavanagh presenting at the Long Point Basin Land Trust workshop on July 7th



London – Middlesex Master Gardeners

Name: June Meeting

Details: The June meeting for our group was a field trip to rain gardens in London. Everyone enjoyed learning about these gardens.

One rain gardener mentioned that they have had previous issues with water getting into their basement. By having the eaves downpipes feed the rain garden, they have minimized the water entering their basement.

Both rain gardeners received rain garden grants through the City of London.

Three pictures of the rain gardens follow.



MGiT Erin Casey and MG Lynne Goulet-Smith at the “Honey I Shrank the Lawn” workshop on July 14th





Prince Edward County Master Gardeners

Name: Pollinator Garden Tour around Prince Edward County (PEC)

by Ren Duinker

Details: Although this is not a Master Gardener event, we wanted to highlight this wonderful garden tour that took place on Sunday, July 14th in PEC, hosted by our partners the PEC Garden Club (formerly the PEC Horticultural Society). Many of our Master Gardeners have been involved with the Garden Club over the years and we are delighted to support them.

PEC Garden Club's naturalized gardens have been planted by club volunteers in the last few years. The gardens demonstrate how native Canadian plants can be planted in your garden for a spectacular show while attracting bees, butterflies, insects and birds.



The seven native plant gardens on the tour were all planted – and are maintained – by PEC Garden Club members. They have taken a very clever approach and started small with small gardens on public property. In many cases they have secured some financial assistance from various groups in The County.

The PEC Garden Club has been working on these native plant gardens since June 2022, and by slowly developing these small-scale native plant gardens and pollinator gardens they have shown gardeners in their area that native plant gardens are easy to plant and maintain, making them something that anyone could do.



Lise Bois, Co-Chair of the club, remarked, "many of the garden visitors were very impressed with plants that were blooming and took pictures so they could remember the plant. I think many then went to our local nursery, Dropseed, to look for these plants to add to their gardens.

It felt so fabulous and rewarding to see the enthusiasm of participants. Many said they did not realize how beautiful these plants were".



Echinacea and other native plants in behind the daylilies



Pictured here are Wendy Leblanc (left in the green shirt) and Luz Elena Espinosa at the Jasper Park Garden, where all native plants are drought tolerant and in full sun. As PEC Garden Club members, they worked diligently to create this garden space with students from both Sonrise Academy and the municipality.

We congratulate our friends and partners, the PEC Garden Club, on their very successful and informative garden tour. Well done!

Name: Prince Edward County's Master Gardeners' Potluck

Details: It was a perfect summer's day as we sat in Susan's beautiful, serene garden on July 21st. There was much laughter, and many stories were shared along with a delicious lunch.

We are, like many small MG groups, concerned about our future. Many of our members are getting older and unable to do the physical work, as we discovered at our plant sale. We do not know if we will be able to continue; we will be discussing this in September. We'll keep you posted.

Any small groups who have any ideas on how to survive, please get in touch.

Thanks, PECMGs



Left to Right: Kim Beaugrand, June Crocco, Ren Duinker, Quentin Wyne, Susan Warrack, Margot Rivers. Missing: Andie Wiens, Barbra Stock and Sandy Goranson. Photo: Dianna Miller



John Cabot roses looking like summer on PEC MG Ren Duinker's beautiful arbour



UPCOMING EVENTS

1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Name: Volunteer Opportunities

Description: Volunteer opportunities continue to include: presenters for Ask A MG on Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m. via Zoom; sessions are 30 minutes.

Details and Contact Information: Please visit our website for topics, details and contact information:
<https://1000islandsmastergardeners.ca/upcoming-events/>

CNE Advice Clinic 2024

by Kate Sault, Director of Education

Dates: Friday, August 16th to Monday, September 2nd

Shifts: 11.00am to 3.00pm & 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Details: Master Gardeners of Ontario has reserved an advice table in the flower show area of the CNE. This will run as in past years with two (2) available shifts. We would like to have two (2) members per shift if possible.

Our focus again this year is to provide to the public information needed to create and maintain environmentally friendly gardens by promoting sustainable practices to preserve and enhance the natural ecosystem.

Below is the link to the sign-up sheet. Free passes to the EX will be mailed once I receive them. I would like to have the sign-up completed by **Sunday, August 4th** in order to mail the passes to you in time.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RQAXH6WtNe2n2zh8x0EnGfn_chwded83BsMkJAbUPT0/edit?usp=sharing

Grand Erie Master Gardeners

Name: Workshop: “Little Garden on the Prairie - Sunny Side Up”

Date: Sunday, August 11th

Registration: Opens July 29th through our website at granderiemg.org

Details: We will be running our second workshop of the summer – this one entitled “Little Garden on the Prairie - Sunny Side Up”.

This workshop will focus on native plants that thrive in full sun and will include the installation of a pollinator and bird friendly garden at Birds Canada national headquarters in Port Rowan. This will be followed by an interpretive tour of some diverse native wildflower gardens at a nearby private home.



Etobicoke Master Gardeners

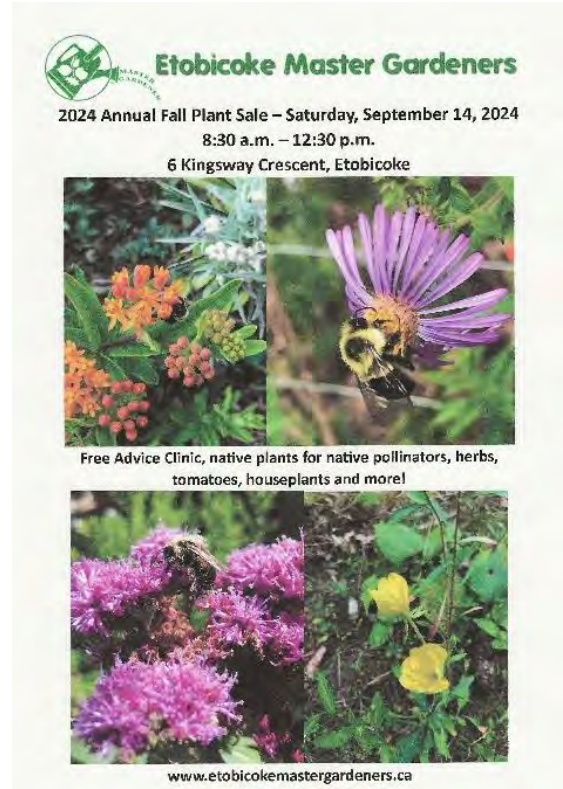
Name: EMG Annual Fall Plant Sale

Date & Time: Sat. Sep. 14th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: 6 Kingsway Crescent, Etobicoke

Details: Native plants for native pollinators, houseplants, herbs, tomatoes, and more! And a free Advice Clinic!

<https://www.etobिकemastergardeners.ca/>



Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Oak Wilt Disease

Reminder – Do Not Prune oak trees (*Quercus* spp.) until November: winter pruning needs to be the new norm.



Calling anyone who deals with oak trees including nurseries, garden centers, homeowners, [Master Gardeners], and tree professionals!

Let this be your friendly reminder: you should hold off on pruning your oaks until November to protect trees from oak wilt disease. The pathogen that causes oak wilt (*Bretziella fagacearum*) is now present in the Ontario environment; this is a reminder that prevention is your best form of defense against oak wilt. All ages and sizes of oak trees are susceptible to oak wilt.

<https://onnurserycrops.wordpress.com/2024/04/02/reminder-no-pruning-oaks-from-now-until-november/#more-6673>

Oak Wilt, or *Bretziella fagacearum*, is a fungal disease that can kill oak trees within one year. Red oaks are particularly susceptible. The Ontario government advises ‘you should not prune or wound oaks between April and November, when the sap beetles that spread the disease are active’.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-wilt#:~:text=Oak%20wilt%20is%20an%20introduced,Falls%20area%20of%20Southern%20Ontario>.

This disease can cause serious damage to Canada's oak tree population. Pathways by which oak wilt can spread include:

- via **root grafting**, where the fungus travels through the interconnected roots of infected and healthy trees growing in close proximity;
- via **insects**, such as sap and bark beetles that carry spores of the fungus from an infected tree to a healthy one; and
- human-assisted spread through the **movement** of things such as firewood and **pruning** during high-risk periods.

How You Can Help: As a leading voice in the field of tree and plant health, the CFIA would like Master Gardeners to share this message with the public, our clients, and staff.



Oak wilt disease in an oak tree.
Photo credit: Joseph O'Brien, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org
https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/oak_wilt_diagnosing_and_preventing



CFIA – Spotted Lanternfly

Also check for spotted lanternfly (SLF). Canada is preparing for the potential arrival of the SLF, present in the United States and getting closer to the Canadian border. The spotted lanternfly would be devastating for Canada's wine, fruit, nursery and forest industries.



early stage nymph

The city of Philadelphia has excellent information including identification on their website:

<https://www.phila.gov/2020-10-13-stop-the-spotted-lanternfly-identify-and-destroy-their-eggs/>



For more information, please visit Canada.ca/spotted-lanternfly. The **Spotted Lanternfly Timeline** is:

- Sep to Nov – egg laying;
- Oct to Jun – egg mass;
- May to Jul – early stage nymph;
- Jul to Sep – late stage nymph;
- Jul to Dec – adult.



CFIA Digital Toolkit

[International Day of Plant Health](#) was on May 12th, and the CFIA needs help and expertise to engage Canadians on how we can successfully keep Canada's natural landscape, bountiful plants, and beautiful gardens healthy and protected against the threat of invasive species. The CFIA has developed a user-friendly [digital toolkit](#) full of outreach materials in English and French, including posters, social media messaging and images, and more! Please use these, and share with your customers, clients and friends. This toolkit includes extensive material on invasive species.

Feel free to bug us if you have any questions or would like to discuss opportunities to work together!

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The CFIA is also encouraging you to share their International Day of Plant Health social media content that was posted on all their channels on May 12:

- [Facebook \(@CFIACanada\)](#)
- [Instagram \(@cfia_canada\)](#)
- [X.com \(@InspectionCan\)](#)
- [LinkedIn \(@canadian-food-inspection-agency\)](#)



CFIA Seeds Alert

Canadians are urged 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. There have been 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. Not meeting requirements has consequences such as the destination country destroying the seeds and issuing 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. CFIA 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.

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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](#)
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Favourite Summer Garden Pictures 2024 Ontario MGs

Lynda Lahtenmaa, Thunder Bay & District

Some favourite flowers in the garden:

Trollius chinensis 'Golden Queen' (Chinese globe flower)



Campanula carpatica 'Blue Chips'



Campanula glomerata
(clustered bellflower)



Sedum reflexum (blue spruce stonecrop)

Hariette Henry, Halton

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) does not disappoint in its capacity to attract pollinators. A wide range of bees including honeybees, leafcutter and other native bees collect nectar and pollen from purple coneflowers. Many different species of butterflies including monarchs, tiger swallowtails, skippers, American ladies, red admirals and fritillaries will also feed on the nectar.



Red admiral butterfly, *Vanessa atalanta* perched atop a coneflower.



Green sweat bees, *Agapostemon* spp., foraging for nectar.



Isabel Belanger, Halton

This is a picture from my spring front garden. *Lupinus perennis* (wild lupin) leapt this year – planted in 2021, this was the first year for blooms.



Early June Garden by *Lyanne Schlichter*



This is *Ipomopsis rubra* (standing cypress), native to south of the Great Lakes and a gift from MG Bev Wagar. The only time we see hummingbirds is when this is in bloom.

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureloa'



Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners

Members Favourite Garden Photos



Calycanthus floridus
(Carolina allspice)

A beautiful Tree Peony

- both photos by *Mary Ellen Pyear*

Hydrangea arborescens 'Incrediball'

Photos by *Louise Milton*

Crocsmia 'Lucifer'





Coming in for a landing on *Baptisia*
by Janine Robertson



Pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) by Margaret Stewart



On the *Echinacea* by Janine Robertson

1000 Islands Master Gardeners

Beautiful pictures from 1000 Islands MGs, some with interesting insects!



Carolina lupine (*Thermopsis villosa*) by Margaret Stewart



by MGiT Sandra Jass

A Monarch is having a drink on an *Echinacea* (top flower).

This is a mix of native and non-native flowers. From left to right, New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*), *Echinacea*, *Hydrangea*, Milkweed (*Asclepias*) and *Phlox*.





Photo above by *MG Jane Baily*: Beautiful *Oenothera biennis* (common evening primrose) flashing a pink petal.



Enallagma carunculatum (Tule Bluet – a species of damselfly) on *Achillea millefolium*



The photo above is by *MGiT Anne Bremner*. Pollinator visiting her *Echinacea*.



Eastern thistle longhorn bee (*Melissodes desponsus*) on *Silphium perfoliatum* (cup plant)

The following photos are from *MGiT Elsabé Falkson*

This is Queen of the prairie (6' tall) (*Filipendula rubra*)



Grand Erie Master Gardeners

One of *MGiT Erin Casey's* flower arrangements – all flowers grown herself



London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Photos to tickle the fancy of a MG.

Agnes Burroughs sent this picture of her water garden. Many of us find the sight and sound of water gardens inviting.



Donna Slater sent this photo of a gray tree frog on a leaf. Our gardens are havens for many species that we can enjoy beyond the plants that we tend.

