



Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter



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Forsythia is pure joy.
There is not an ounce,
not a glimmer of
sadness or even
knowledge in forsythia.

--Anne Morrow
Lindbergh
(1906)

SPEAKER TONIGHT

--Bee Keeping
Hans Martin
Honey and skin cream
will be available for
purchase.



The keeping of bees is
like the direction of
sunbeams.

--Henry David Thoreau

FYI

Please make two
corrections in your
yearbooks:
-Flora Simpson passed
away at 102 years of age
-Donna Munro's phone
number is 289-597-4424

Bring On Spring-A
Community Gardening
Fair, Saturday, May 28 at
the Woodbridge

Fairgrounds, 11:00 a.m. –
5:00 p.m.

For more information visit
bringonspringfair.com

Toronto Rhododendron Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30 10:00
a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

at the Toronto Botanical
Gardens

Garden Hall

777 Lawrence Ave. E.

Featuring companion
perennials, azaleas.

Mulch, fertilizer and more
will also be available.

PLANT SALE

Kleinburg Old Boys' Plant
Sale & BBQ, Saturday,
May 14, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. at
the Kline House. If you
are dividing perennials,
they'd welcome your
donation early Saturday
morning. All proceeds go
to the Kleinburg Old Boys
in support of the
Kleinburg/Nashville
Historical Collection at the
Kline House-open from
Victoria Day weekend
through Thanksgiving.

NEAT THINGS ABOUT FORSYTHIA

Spring is here with no
chance of turning back
when Forsythia shows off

its brilliant yellow blooms.
Best in full sun, it's a
durable shrub that
brightens up a dull, early
spring landscape. If you're
really in hurry, cut a few
branches to 'trick' them
into thinking it's an early
spring. Victorians used
this practice of 'forcing' to
bring colour indoors when
they were impatient for
spring's arrival. Place in a
container with warm water
in a sunny area and within
one week, buds will unfold
and come to full flower.

IN MEMORIAM



Sadly, Margaret
Robertson passed away
March 18. Margaret was
very active WHS member
for over 20 years. She was
always ready to lend a
hand with decorating
bridges, attending AGM
meetings involved with
garden tours...we'll miss
her great smile.



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FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

It's been said that winter is truly over when Forsythia blooms and by then it's generally safe to prune rose bushes.

As we wait for the April snow to be gone, walk around the garden and plan any changes you have in mind.

If you haven't already done so, there's still time to sow seeds indoors.

As soon as ground dries up, rake and fertilize lawn. Add one shovel of worm castings to soil.

Volunteers!



ARMSTRONG PARK

Clean-up dates are scheduled for Saturday, April 23, Saturday, September 17 and Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. rain or shine.

WALLACE HOUSE

Thank you to members who signed up for the initial clean-up. You will be notified of the date and time as soon as weather is favourable.

THANKS!

Thank you Gail Stevenson, Liz Langenberger, Mace Blundell, John Mazzella, Doreen Smith, Grant Smith, Sally and Chris Andrews and their two grandsons for helping with Easter decorations on the bridge on Woodbridge Avenue.

WANTED

Can you spare an hour or so by representing WHS with the Bring on Spring

Event, Saturday, May 28?

Your willingness, experienced background and well-honed green thumbs may attract new members to our Society, and you can share helpful tips with curious visitors.

Also needed is help with the Floriculture entries at the Fall Fair, Thanksgiving Weekend 2016, to help judge and display entries. Please contact Sue Fava for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gabriella Mastroianni received the 2015 City of Vaughan Volunteer Recognition Award

SUBMISSIONS

If you have anything you'd like added to the newsletter, please call or email Mary no later than one week before the next meeting.

WINNERS OF LAST MONTH'S PHOTO CONTEST:

Section 1: Spring Scene:	Helen Peacock
Section 2: Fall Scene:	John Mazzella *Best in Show*
Section 3: Winter scene:	John Mazzella,
Section 4: Wild Life:	Nadina A. Scarpelli
Section 5: Colour Explosion:	Maria Durigon
Section 6: Close-Up:	Jack Peacock