



# 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](http://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**

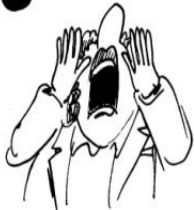
It's been said that winter is truly over when Forsythia blooms and by then it's generally safe to prune rose bushes.

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