

Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter

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A flower blossoms for its own joy.

--Oscar Wilde

SPEAKER

Monday, September 16

Ursula Eley on

Leaf manipulation - Demonstration

2019 FLORAL RAFFLE WINNERS



Teresa Carlesi, Cathy Sinno, Sally Andrews, Linda Cappucci, Madeleine Petrucelli and Vinnie Krieger

Arrangements made by Rosa Cella, Mary Cicchirillo, Maria Durigon, Debbie Estey, John Mazzella and Liz Langenberger.

BEST IN SHOW FOR JULY

Gilda Ferrone for her Garden favourite perennial

Mary Cicchirillo for her Seashells by the Seashore, Design Class

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks Joyce, for pruning the yews at the front of the Wallace House!

Thanks to John, Enza, Maria and Mary for the cleaning, pruning and general on-going maintenance of the Wallace House Garden.

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Dig and divide perennials; share with friends, re-plant elsewhere in your garden, or leave at the end of your driveway with a 'HELP YOURSELF' sign.

Collect seeds for next year's garden, and herbs for drying or freezing.

Plant new trees and shrubs to give them at least six weeks before frost. Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes. Prepare a spot to plant garlic cloves next month. Add compost or manure to flower beds.



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Buy spring flowering bulbs now while there's lots of selection.

Pull weeds before they go to seed to reduce the number of weeds next year.

Sow lettuce seeds for a fresh crop with the cooler temperatures.

YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Bring your two favourite clematis photos, in an envelope, to the September meeting; <u>deadline is</u> <u>October</u>. Please write your name on the back of $4 \ge 6$ photos and hand in to Debbie Estey.

NEAT THINGS ABOUT COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens on municipal land are places where residents can meet to grow and care for fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, native, and ornamental plants. It's a community space on city land where registered volunteers work together to grow, maintain and harvest.

Vaughan's community gardens promote the cultivation of local and affordable food within the community. Producing local food reduces greenhouse gas emissions from food transportation. Vaughan's community gardens help green our community by creating healthy habitats for wildlife, bees and other beneficial plants and insects.

There are two popular types: <u>SHARED WORK GARDENS</u> and <u>ALLOTMENT GARDENS</u>. Shared Work Community Gardens: participants garden collectively, share and even donate some harvest to charitable community causes.

Allotment Community Gardens: participants rent and garden individual plots for the season, harvesting their own produce. The City of Vaughan supports one allotment garden (Sugarbush) and three shared work gardens.

These gardens are ideal for those who do not have enough land for a vegetable garden or anyone living in a condominium. The City of Vaughan currently supports three community garden projects on city-owned land. For more information, please call 905-832-2281 ext. 8941 or visit https://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/environmental_sustainability/Pages/Community-Gardens.aspx

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.