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"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside."

—Maud Hart Lovelace

Gardening Tips for Seniors Agingcare.com

Plant as many perennials as possible or as you like, to cut down on excessive annual spring planting.

Flower boxes on rails and pots for your veranda, porch and/or patio allow you to sit to tend.

Have comfortable, shady areas with seating to rest and admire your handiwork. Take plenty of breaks.

Bring a thermal cup of water outside for refreshment.

Have rails or hand grasping protrusions on sloping areas and steps.

Create passageways with friction-textured stepping pads through wider beds.

Prune or distance foliage for easier passage.

Check the local weather reports to schedule the most comfortable work mornings and evenings. Create your watering schedule around rain predictions and municipal water restrictions.

Change gardening activities to give your strained muscles a break.

Do something lighter from your previously challenging activity. Or rest.

Use the most proper and effective tool for your gardening task.

Ask your local gardening expert about the latest technology.

Keep your tools clean and sharp.

Use the most comfortable, effective knee protection possible.

Use elastic wrist, knee or ankle supports, when needed.



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Special guest speaker for

Monday, June 19th is

Catherine McGill. Catherine's topic is:
"The Ground Gets Lower".

The Garden Tour on Saturday, June 24
costs \$10 per ticket. Bring your friends.

OHA Convention and AGM on
July 21 to 23.

<https://gardenontario.org/convention>

Sunshine Roses \$30. \$6 to WHS.

[https://richmondhillgardensociety.org/
online-plant-sale](https://richmondhillgardensociety.org/online-plant-sale)





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May's Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

- 4. Thistle
- 5. Venus
- 9. Lavender
- 10. Ivy
- 11. Sunflower
- 12. Red
- 12. Maple
- 15. Tulip
- 16. Cactus
- 18. Okanagan
- 19. Hasta

Down

- 1. Wild
- 2. Lilies
- 3. Rose
- 6. Niagara
- 7. Daffodil
- 8. Trillium
- 11. Sweetpea
- 14. Lotus
- 17. Daisies

Senior Citizen Ingenuity!



Did you know that.....

Woodbridge is 186 years old (1837), but the village was originally known as Burwick, after Rowland Burr, an enterprising entrepreneur. It was in 1855, when the village petitioned for a post office, that the name of the village changed to Woodbridge. Apparently, there was a Burwick already established in the Canadian west. Burwick Ontario was renamed to Woodbridge, at least partially, because of all the wooden bridges crossing the Humber River and tributaries. Settlement of Burwick was established because of several factors: the value and use of the Humber River, and the rich farm land surrounding the area. Like all areas of settlement, agriculture (farming) was first priority. Horticulture (gardening) flourished closer to the 20th century. Woodbridge Agricultural Society is 176 years old, while the Woodbridge Horticultural Society is 100.

John Gamble established the Woodbridge Fair in 1847. John Gamble became the first mayor of Vaughan Township. The Fair was a celebration first of the agriculture of the area and its harvest. As gardening became more and more popular, the fruits of horticulture were included.

Tourism became popular early on in Woodbridge. Residents from the surrounding urban areas flocked to the pretty town for the picturesque houses, gardens and country stores. With the building of the CPR in 1908, this commercial trend increased. Ease of reaching Woodbridge for a lovely Sunday trip increased the tourism flow when Highway 7 was built in 1930.

In 1971, the Village of Woodbridge incorporated with the Township of Vaughan to become the Town of Vaughan. Nathaniel Wallace, a politician and businessman of the area, constructed the "Heritage" Wallace House in 1873. The Wallace House is a grand example of the Gothic Style.

References

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