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From the earth we are
formed,
To the earth we
return.
And in between, we
garden
--Nelson Eddy

SPEAKER TONIGHT

Sarah Fleicshhauer on
*Creating a Beautiful
Garden with Native Plants.*
Further reading on this
subject:
Bringing Nature Home.
The Living Landscape
Native.
*Alternatives to Invasive
Plants.*
*The New Naturalized
Garden.*
*100 Easy to grow Native
Plants.*

FYI

Lorraine Johnson will
speak on *Growing Edible
Native Plants* on March 30
at 7:30p.m. at the North
York Central Library, 5120
Yonge St.
Admission \$8.00

Just published:

*When is a 'Flower' not a
Flower?*

By Larry & Carol Peterson
This unique, full colour
book takes on common
observations of plants and

presents scientific
explanations for them that
a non-specialist will
understand.
www.volumesdirect.com

VAUGHAN GROWS SEED LIBRARY

Formerly at the Pierre
Berton branch, has been
utilized for almost two
years. Many patrons have
had the opportunity to
enjoy heirloom seeds made
available for checkout to
everyone with a library
card. Maintaining the seed
library has proven to be
challenging and it has been
decided that it would be
transitioned to the
Thornhill Horticultural
Society.
[www.gardenontario.org/site
i.php.thornhill](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php.thornhill)

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Start slow growing
vegetable seeds-broccoli,
cauliflower, peppers and
tomatoes.
For flowers, sow seeds for
petunias, geraniums, and
impatiens.
Repot any overgrown or
root bound houseplant for
a burst of energy that will
promote new growth.
Root bound really does
mean just that-plant is

practically choking on its
own roots, preventing it
from absorbing much
needed nutrients and water.
Carefully cut excessive,
dried out roots and
transplant with a good
potting soil blend in a pot
one size larger.
Prepare outdoor pots now
by washing with a mild
solution of bleach or
ammonia.
Sharpen, oil garden tools,
so they're ready to work
again!

NEAT PLANT IN THE SPRING

Salix Discolor, is more
commonly known as Pussy
Willow.
Its very name, *Salix*, from
the Latin *salire*, is rooted
in the term *to spring forth*,
to emerge with a sudden
burst of emotion. Pussy
willow is the first plant to
flower in spring. It is
dioecious, meaning that
there are male trees and
female trees that need the
help of pollinators to mate.
The ever-ready male
flowers first, and when his
pollen appears, it means
life for early pollinators.
Enjoy them in your
Spring/Easter
arrangements. They are
quick to root and are easily



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transplanted in a boggy, sunny area. *Salix discolor* grows no taller than thirty feet and eight feet wide. Give it lots of room to grow and spread its roots. It will attract early butterflies and birds. During pussy willow season feel free to cut as many branches as you like. It thrives under heavy pruning.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Armstrong Park

The three (3) Saturdays for the park clean-ups are: May 23rd, Sept. 12th, and October 3rd.

Please mark your calendars-any help is greatly appreciated.

Wallace House Garden

Please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet-date to be announced-thank you! ☺

SMALL & MIGHTY

2015 District 15 Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 25th at The Learning Enrichment Foundation, 116 Industry Street, Toronto, hosted by: Roselands Horticultural Society-Cost: \$30.
Presenter Carol Dunk will speak on *A New Kind of*

Gardener - the need for gardeners to work for the planet in their gardens. As she says, gardening used to be just for "pretty" but now it can become an important force for curing the ills of our planet. "One Small action in one small garden can make a Mighty difference." Please speak to a member of the executive if you would like to participate.

IN MEMORIUM

Thanks for all your calls and visits, and for attending the *Celebration of Al's Life* in January. He loved to help and looked forward to new projects and activities. We miss Al, but will remember him with love and fond memories of great times we shared together. Thank you to the Horticultural Society for their donation to Vaughan Hospice.
--Gail Stephenson

Two long time WHS members have passed away:

Anne Hogg will be remembered as a lively and active member, always ready to help out when called upon.

Anne Wragg and her husband Gordon were both eager and giving members who were very supportive of our Society.

SPRING DECORATING

Valentines adorned the community in February, shamrocks currently charm the neighborhood.

Decorating the Wallace House and around the area for spring will take place March 24, 12-4p.m., and March 25, 9-12p.m. Please call Gail Stephenson at 905-851-1462 to arrange a time that best suits you.

EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

Saturday March 28, 10a.m. -3p.m.

Local artists, jewellers, maple syrup, baked goods and more.

Lorraine Reeves of Reeves Florist and Nursery will be selling and signing her book *Life An Adventure*.

SUBMISSIONS

If you have a newsletter submission, please call or email Mary no later than one week before the next meeting.