



# Woodbridge Horticultural Society Newsletter



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A garden is an awful responsibility. You never know what you may be aiding to grow in it.

Charles Dudley Warner  
My Summer In A  
Garden (1871)

## **SPEAKER TONIGHT**

Shannon Wood Saugeen  
on  
The Secret Lives of  
Plants.

## **BEST IN SHOW FOR MAY**

Gilda Ferrone, for her  
Early Perennial.

## **FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES**

Feel free to plant 'hot'  
crops-tomatoes, peppers  
and zucchini.

If you have the space,  
entice some pollinators  
into your garden by  
sowing a pack of mixed  
wild flowers.

Looks like a dry summer  
ahead, so keep plants  
moist by applying mulch  
at the base.

Support peonies, roses  
and clematis so they  
don't drop by their own  
weight or a heavy  
rainfall or windstorm.

## **THANKS!**

The bridge really  
defines Woodbridge  
Avenue after Gail, Liz  
and Mace, Sally and  
Chris Andrews, Maria,  
Gilda, Madeleine, John,  
and Susan put up  
planters with flowers of  
every colour.

Gail and her friend, Udi,  
Maria, Gilda, Liz, Mace  
and his sister, Crys  
Stewart, Jonathan, along  
with Kristen and her 3  
Beaver Scouts for  
cleaning up Armstrong  
Park on Saturday, June  
9.

Mary, John and Enza,  
along with three very  
helpful city employees,  
Anthony, Emmanuel,  
and Christian, helped  
with preparing the  
garden surrounding the  
Historic Wallace House  
for the Garden Tour next  
week.

## **NEAT THINGS ABOUT CLEMATIS**

Beautiful Clematis, our  
society's logo, is an easy  
plant to grow. The  
colours range from  
white to palest pink to  
magenta and blue, or the  
bell shaped yellow  
*Clematis occidentalis*,

which has an elfin cap  
flower and produces a  
pretty, silky seed head  
after flowering. Some  
may have light scent.  
Most varieties grow best  
in at least six hours of  
sunlight. Plant it 12– 18  
inches deep. Mulch or  
strew pebbles on top to  
guarantee its 'cold feet'  
to reduce watering.  
The plant is classified  
into three categories:  
Group I, where flowers  
bloom on old wood  
only. Group II, where  
flowers bloom on both  
old and new wood.  
Group III, where flowers  
bloom only on new  
wood. Old wood means  
that the stems cannot be  
allowed to die back or  
be pruned off if you  
expect flowers.  
Clematis can be  
expensive, but you can  
increase your plants  
through layering, a  
propagation method that  
involves pinning a live  
stem, still attached to the  
mother plant, to  
prepared soil at the leaf  
nodes. Nick the node  
and apply some rooting  
compound.  
Roots will emerge at the  
nodes after several  
weeks, after which they  
should be cut from the

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mother and start growing a brand new plant. Add to your collection, or share with a friend. They are flowering now, so start taking pictures for the clematis photo contest at our November AGM.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA**

To celebrate Canada's 151<sup>st</sup> birthday, and WHS's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will again be having a tea party on Monday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. Join in the fun by entering the Design Class competition. And remember, it's not a real

tea without your own favourite tea cup.

## **JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you have a newsletter submission, please call Mary no later than one week before the next meeting, at 905-856-6907 or email at [mcicchi@sympatico.c](mailto:mcicchi@sympatico.c)



Please come out and help to tidy up the garden at the Historic Wallace House as we prepare it for the Garden Tour. You will be notified of the date, or come out on your own schedule.

## **WOODBRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018**

**Rain or Shine!**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at every garden. Start at the Victorian garden that surrounds the Historic Wallace House, 137 Woodbridge Avenue and enter the draw for your chance to win a floral arrangement made by our members, to be held at 3:00 p.m. sharp. If selected, you will be required to pick up your arrangement by 3:30 p.m.**

**For more information on our Woodbridge Horticultural Society, as well as the tour, please visit our web-site at: [www.woodbridgehorticultural.weebly.com](http://www.woodbridgehorticultural.weebly.com)**

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