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To make a great garden, one must have a great idea or a great opportunity.
--Sir George Sitwell
Essay On The Making Of Gardens (1909)

It is Wonderful to feel the grandness of Canada in the raw.
--Emily Carr

WHS PRESIDENT'S POSITION OPEN!
Maria Durigon and Mary Cicchirillo, our current presidents, will soon be finishing their 2nd year term. Utilize transferable skills and gain new ones by filling this very important position, without which, the WHS will cease to exist. For more information, as well as what the position entails, please speak with Maria or Mary.

TEA PARTY
Monday, July 16 to Celebrate Canada's 151st Birthday and our Society's 95th anniversary!
Join in the fun by entering specimens from your garden and try your

hand at one or all ideas in the Design Class. Don't forget to bring your favourite tea cup.

BEST IN SHOW FOR JUNE
Bruna Abatecola, for her 'Rose'.

GARDEN TOUR 2018
What a nice refreshing change for Garden Tour weather. The much welcome rain heightened the touring experience; everything seemed more alive and vibrant with the colours of summer.

The Executive and Garden Tour committee would like to thank all members, hosts and volunteers for their assistance, as well as everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets; 115 tickets were sold. The Wallace House Garden looked amazing, thanks to the City for putting down mulch early in the season, which helped our dedicated volunteers with less weeding.
*If you would like to showcase your own garden, or have a friend, neighbour or relative in Woodbridge who would be interested in taking

part of the 2019 Garden Tour, please contact Mary, Maria, John or Joan.

2018 Floral Raffle Winners
Anna DiCostanzo
Julia Arbanas
Toni Cianfarani
Sue Fava
Jane White
Ernesto Ambrosini
Steven Cheong

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

FLEXING GARDENING MUSCLES

Continue to tie your tomato plants as they grow up and around their stakes. Remove spent flowers from lilac bushes to ensure more next year. Trim peonies down to a neat, compact little bush. Prepare a very light fertilizer to water your potted annuals every day to get the most out of their blooms into the fall. As always, keep up with weeding.



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NEAT THINGS

ABOUT THISTLE

The national flower of Scotland is the thistle, a prickly-leaved purple flower which was first used in the 15th century as a symbol of defence. Legend has it that Vikings tried to creep up on Scottish Clansmen by walking barefoot over thistles. This caused them to cry out in pain, alerting the Scottish army. It symbolizes endurance, unity and bravery, so it's a popular choice for jewellery, clothing, soap and tattoos.

It flowers from July to September, and come in an array of colours, including white and yellow, but are most commonly seen in different shades of purple.

The abundant nectar and pollen found in thistle flowers make them one of the most popular plants for bees and butterflies. Thistle can grow up to eight feet high and four feet wide. The thistle has a bad reputation as a weed. One musk thistle is capable of producing up to 120,000 seeds that can remain viable in the soil for ten years. It has

a very stubborn root system which makes it difficult to eradicate it from gardens.

Gardeners have three weapons to use against summer drought: mulches, watering pots and prayers.

--Tyler Whittle
Some Ancient Gentlemen (1965)

THANKS!

Nadina, for the wonderful job on our Canada Day posters that were put up at the Wallace House and Armstrong Park by Mace, Liz and Gail. They added to the festive spirit of the birthday week-end and were enjoyed by all walking and driving by.

YEARBOOK PHOTO CONTEST

Cameras are clicking- Clematis never looked better. Take pictures of your favourite, or a new and exciting one you've never seen before, doesn't have to be your own. You may submit two (2) pictures to Debbie Estey or Sue Fava at the September or

October meetings. Winner will be announced at the November Bash. Please write your name on the back of 4x6 photos.

PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN AUGUST.
See you at the September 17th meeting where Sharon Koor will demonstrate Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please call Mary no later than one week before the next meeting, at 905-856-6907 or email at mcicchi@sympatico.ca