

## **GARDEN CLUB OF NIAGARA NEWSLETTER**

### **March 2017**

### *A Message from your President*

Welcome Spring! It's been one of the milder winters but we are still ready to move into Spring. As I write this in February, I am already seeing little signs that it is coming! Yay! It's been such a busy year so far. There have been workshops, wonderful speakers and preparations for lots more to come!

It is exciting to see so many ladies planning and getting ready to work on designs for Riverbrink. We are doing twenty designs but more than twenty ladies are involved which is awesome!

We will be having our own Flower Show in May so start thinking now. Consider what is in your garden... you may find just what you need....if not there is always your neighbour's garden! Ha Ha!

Don't forget our May meeting will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> so as to avoid Victoria Day.

Yours in flowers!  
Lindy Fedchun  
President

**Please remember to** : wear your name tag, bring a coffee mug and your parking pass and check out Garden Club of Niagara on [gardenclubsofntario.ca](http://gardenclubsofntario.ca) for updates.

### ***Upcoming Dates at a Glance***

**March 27** - GCN general meeting and workshop at 10:00 am

**April 24** - GCN general meeting and workshop at 10:30 am

**April 26** - Spring Clean-up of McFarland House Gardens- April 27th is the rain date

**May 8** - GCN executive meeting

**May 29** - GCN general meeting and **Spring Flower Show**

**April 21 - 23** - Art & Blooms at **Riverbrink**

### ***UPCOMING MEETINGS***

General Meeting, **March 27**, 1:00pm

Programme: **The Chelsea Flower Show** - A colourful program by Russel Boles

Workshop - prior to the meeting at 10:00am

General meeting, **April 24**, 1:00pm

Programme: **How to Make Horticultural Jewellery** - Presented by Garden Club of London members Irina Code and Jean Anne Goldrick

Workshop - prior to meeting at 10:30 am

### ***McFarland House Kitchen Garden***

Anna Holloway and Kathy Humphries are the co-chairs of the McFarland Garden again this year. Members of Niagara Garden Club volunteer their time to help maintain the heritage gardens' flowers and vegetables in keeping with the 1800's. Working with Niagara Parks Commission, and in particular Rebecca Pascoe (curator of McFarland House) produce is used in the kitchen and flowers cut for display. This year the spring clean-up will take place on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. with a rain date on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the March member meeting. There will also be a sign-up sheet for regular weekly maintenance both at the March and April member meetings. Weekly maintenance begins at the beginning of May and goes through to October when we have the fall clean up. Please consider volunteering, as this year we are competing in the Communities in Bloom International Division. There are some tools for use kept in the basement of McFarland House but members are always welcome to take their own. Garbage bags are supplied, just ask Rebecca. The full bags are then left outside the fenced in garden for NPC workers to collect. Anna or Kathy will call volunteers with a reminder for the day they have written down and to answer any questions.

### ***Workshops:*** Lillie Haworth

**March Workshop:** The March workshop with Celia Roberts, Garden Club of Toronto, is fully booked.

All those registered for this Layered Design session will have received the list of requirements by now. If not please be in touch with me... [ljhaworth@sympatico.ca](mailto:ljhaworth@sympatico.ca)

**April Workshop:** jacquie MacInnes will lead this workshop: a Horticultural Living Wreath featuring succulents on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

Participants will receive items needed: 12 inch wreath ring, sphagnum moss, wire, etc. as well as some plants.

Please bring: two large garbage bags, tray to hold the completed wreath (12" pizza tray), screw driver (to make holes for the plants), gloves (if you prefer to wear when working with the moss) and if you have spool wire please bring it as well.

Limited to 15 interested in this horticultural workshop.

## **Hospital Flower Program**

I need washed tuna or salmon tins with a clean edge (nothing that is jagged that could hurt someone) for our hospital flower program. I would appreciate if members could bring some to the March meeting. I need a total of twenty but extras won't hurt as they may be required for another session. Thanks in advance for your offerings! Lindy

## **Christmas Luncheon**

Your Executive would like some suggestions as to potential luncheon sites for our Christmas celebrations. We need to keep in mind that the site can accommodate food preferences, like lactose intolerance, vegetarians, etc. and be prepared to provide lunch for under \$30.00. The ability to provide a private room is preferred. Sites that are not in Niagara in the Lake would be especially appreciated as we'd like to move around, given how wide spread our membership is. Written suggestions should be given to Hillary Ainslie or any Executive member. Sometimes oral suggestions are forgotten!

## ***Art & Blooms***

Plan to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Art & Blooms*. Floral designs by over 20 members of the Garden Club will be on display at the RiverBrink Art Museum, 116 Queenston St., Queenston from April 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is the second such partnership between the Garden Club and the Museum, the first being in October 2011. The 20 designs are to be inspired by or compliment the art rather than trying to interpret the piece.

This is a fund raising event of the Art Museum with an official opening tea and an illustrated talk Sunday afternoon by Rheinhard Reitzenstein. Tickets are required for the tea and Sunday talk. Please see the web site for further information.

General admission to the Art Museum is \$10.00, a chance to see our very own Art & Blooms project.

The event poster and rack cards are the design of Barbara Bedell. Thank you, Barb. Lillie Haworth

## ***Flower Show***

It's hard to think about our Spring Flower Show as I finish off the newsletter in the middle of this late winter snow storm. However, reading over the Flower Show schedule can take you to a different place and time, a warm and inviting place just around the corner where our gardens are full of wonderful plants and flowers just waiting to be picked, arranged and enjoyed by many. The schedule is a celebration of Canada's 150th birthday and acknowledges the diversity of our beautiful country. Get ready to be inspired ! Thanks to Ann Meuris for writing the schedule.

Ann Meuris, Diane Hockey and Kit Thompson

# Oh Canada

Garden Club of Niagara Fall Flower Show  
Monday, May 29, 2017  
Niagara Parks School of Horticulture

## General Rules for All Exhibitors

1. Classes are open to all members of the Garden Club of Niagara unless indicated.
2. Entries will be received from 11:30 am till 12:25 pm at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, May 29, 2017. Please do not arrive before 11:30 am as we will be setting up and the room will be closed till 11:30 am. Judging will begin promptly at 12:30 pm. Please note: you may access basement/exhibition halls through outside door to reduce number of stairs.
3. In the Design section, plant material must predominate over other components of the exhibit. Plant material may be from any source. The use of artificial material is forbidden. Space allowed is 24 inches wide by 30 inches deep and unlimited height for classes 1 and 5. Space allowed is 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep and unlimited height for classes 2 and 4. Designs will be staged on tables. Class 3 will be at eye level.
4. Entrants may enter any number of classes in the Design section but may only submit one entry per class.
5. Entrants may enter any number of classes in the Horticulture section and may place two entries of different cultivars/varieties in each class. All exhibits in the Horticultural section must have been grown by the exhibitor for three months prior to the show and should be named if possible for education purposes .
6. Exhibitors must provide their own containers for all exhibits.
7. The standard for judging: Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design (2003)

For clarification of the schedule and to register for a Design class: Contact Diane Hockey at [jhockeyd@icloud.com](mailto:jhockeyd@icloud.com)

Show Chairs: Diane Hockey and Ann Meuris, Kit Thompson

Awards First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded; Honorable mention at Judge's discretion.

Design: Best in Show - Phylis Patrick Award

Horticulture - Best in Show - Millie LeGrow Award

## **Design:**

**Class 1 “Red and White” – a design - Limited to 5 entries (24")**  
( Design judges may not enter this class )

**Class 2 “Fireworks” - a design - Limited to 4 entries (30 x 30)**

**Class 3 “True North” a small design (fresh) - Limited to 5 entries See OJES page 86:**  
a design from 5 1/2“ to 10". Must not exceed 10” in any direction (height, width, depth, diagonal) Staged at eye level, each design will have a black 12" square background.

**Class 4 “Sea to Shining Sea” – a design - Limited to 4 entries (30 x 30)**

**Class 5 “My Canada” - a design - Limited to 5 entries (24”)**

## **Horticulture:**

**Class 6 Allium - one stem**

**Class 7 Tulip - one stem (may be subdivided by colour or single or double)**

**Class 8 Peony (herbaceous) - one stem**

**Class 9 Solomon’s Seal one stem**

**Class 10 Dicentra (bleeding heart) one spray**

**Class 11 Flowering branch - not to exceed 26”**

**Class 12 Collection of garden flowers - to include five to seven different cultivars; please identify cultivars on a recipe card shown in one container**

**Class 13 Any other perennial, bulb, corm, tuber, one cultivar one bloom**

**Cacti and other Succulents : No pot to exceed 10”**

**Class 14 solitary plant (only 1 stem)**

**Class 15 clumping plant (more than1 stem)**

**Class 16 trailing/ hanging plant**

**Class 17 dish garden**

**Schedule by Ann Meuris**

