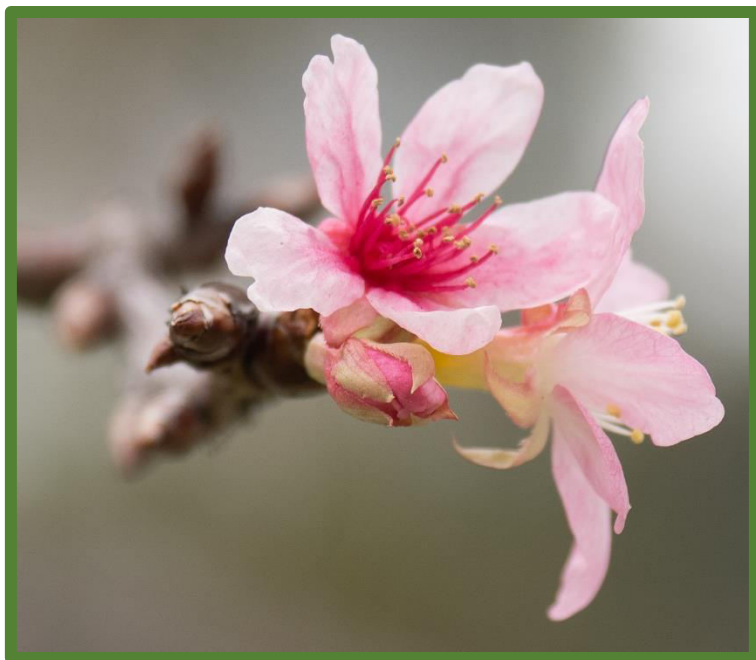


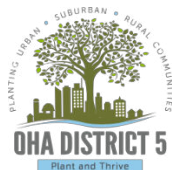


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## **MEETING INFORMATION**

Markham Village Arena Community Centre  
6041 Hwy 7 East (beside library)  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor (elevator available)

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 25

Monday, April 22

Monday, May 27

Monday, June 24

Monday, August 26

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 28

Monday, November 25

## **FEES**

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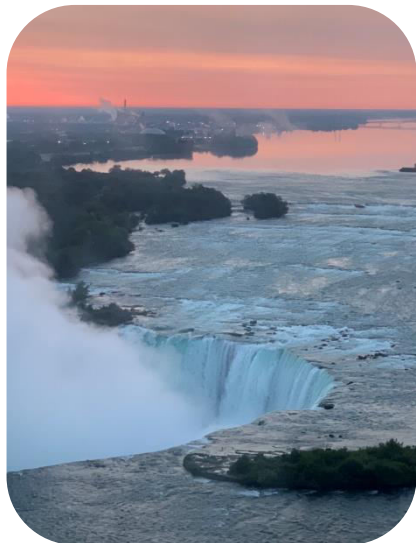


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Water Rita Gossai



Fungus Aruna Alli



## Learning and Growing Together



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## Past President's Message

One of the executive team's goals for 2023 was to grow our membership. I'm delighted to tell you that we had 34 new members join us in 2023. Thank you to all our members who publicized the society. Let's continue the good work in 2024.

After a five-year gap, the sun shone on the 11 gardens featured in the July 2023 Garden Tour which was a great success. Especially popular: the artists painting in the gardens.

The 2024 meetings will be in person except for the February meeting, which will be on Zoom: we will be transported to the "Gardens of Ireland". February is typically cold and snowy and many members prefer to stay at home; holding a virtual meeting enables some members the option of attending at least one meeting and allows us to engage a speaker from farther away.

The executive tries to plan a program of speakers with something for everyone whether you have a large garden, a balcony, or houseplants. We welcome ideas for topics or speakers.

If your interest is native plants, the April speaker will be "Bringing the Bees and Butterflies to our Gardens with Native Plants".

May is our traditional plant sale in the Markham Village Arena parking lot. Consider putting some plants aside to donate for this major fundraising sale.

June heralds the welcome return of our biennial bus tour. This year we will explore and enjoy the splendour of the Royal Botanical Gardens. The Iris and Peonies should be at their best.

August sees Darryl Cheng (a member of MGHS) introducing us to the wonders of time-lapse photography as we watch plants grow.

At our November meeting, we round off the year when Mary-Ann Vercammen will show us "Anything Goes at Christmas".

Marilyn Worth, Past President

## Member Benefits

Members qualify for a discount, **on regular priced items only**, at the following locations. **Show your membership card before your purchases are rung up.**

**Discounts are on purchases \$10 or more.**

### **10% Discount** (plants only)

Sheridan Nurseries

### **10% Discount**

Valleyview Gardens

8636 Reesor Road (north of Highway 7) 905-471-5630

### **10% Discount**

Tree Valley Garden Centre

4431 Stouffville Road, Stouffville 905-640-2020

### **10% Discount**

Vandermeer Nursery

588 Lakeridge Road S., Ajax 905-427-2525

### **5% Discount**

Urban Nature (Markham store only)

227 Main St N, Unit 5, Markham, L3P 1Y6 905-251-6663

### **10% Discount**

Not So Hollow Farm (native plants)

838369 4th Line East

Mulmur, Ontario, L9V 0J7

<https://notsohollowfarm.ca/>

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W.H.Perron Seeds

<https://www.dominion-seed-house.com/en/>

Contact [mghs1920@gmail.com](mailto:mghs1920@gmail.com) for the OHA Code to enter on the order form.

## **2024 Dates to Remember**

### **April 20 District 5 Annual General Meeting**

Theme: "A Century of Gardening 1904–2024"

Speakers: Colin Cassin "A Century of Invasive Species"

Sean James "Spreading the Green Gospel"

Location: Toronto Botanical Gardens

Host: North York Garden Club

### **May 25 Plant Sale**

Our plant sale will be held Saturday, May 25 from 9:00 a.m. until sell-out in the parking lot at Markham Village Arena, Hwy #7 & Hwy 48. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers, so please think about which plants you can divide, pot up and, if possible, label the species. Any contributions are most welcome. Plant drop-off is at the home of Marilyn Worth. Dates and address will be announced later.

### **June 6 Bus Tour**

Explore and enjoy the splendour of the Royal Botanical Gardens with its four distinct gardens. Marvel at Laking Garden—home to RBG's renowned iris and peony collections in peak display in early June. Lunch is included and a visit to a nearby garden centre.

### **July 12–14 OHA Convention**

Theme: "The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing"

Location: Guelph

Host: Districts 7 and 8

For more information <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

### **October 28 Photography Competition**

Keep your eyes open for the opportunity to take that unique photograph for our competition in October. See full entry details in the October meeting description.

Deadline for submissions: **October 9**



# Flower Show Report 2023

Beginning with the Christmas 2022 show and continuing over the summer of 2023, our Society held five flower shows.

It was pleasing to see that over the course of the season the number of entries in the horticultural divisions of the shows soon grew to pre-pandemic levels. The number of entries in the design divisions remained sparse with only a few members entering designs. A total of 20 members entered the shows over the year.

At the April general meeting Doris Fischer-Jenssen and Pam Wright presented a short program on flower-showing tips and what the judge is looking for. This was well received by the members and reflected in the quality of entries placed on the show tables.

A special thank you goes to those members who helped with show set-up and clean-up and those who served as judges' clerks. This year, two high school students assisted with the flower show tasks as they worked towards gaining their community volunteer hours. Their help was appreciated.

Finally, a special thank you to Barb Tang, who stayed as flower show point scorer and produced the necessary facts and figures for the year-end awards.

Pam Wright

## Number of Entries in 2023 Flower Shows

	Nov.	May	June	Aug.	Sept.	Total Entries
Horticulture	22	75	93	87	93	370
Design	5	4	11	6	3	29

# 2023 Awards

## Flower Show Points

Prize-winning entries are given points.

	Horticulture Classes	Design Classes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	5 points	6 points
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	4 points	5 points
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	3 points	4 points
<b>Honourable Mention</b>	2 points	2 points
<b>Horticulture Division: Best in Section</b>	6 points	-
<b>Design Division: Best in Division</b>	-	6 points

These points are used to determine the awards. In addition, prize money is awarded based on 10 cents per point scored in flower shows throughout the year.

## Point Total Awards

Highest Aggregate Points in the Horticultural Division	1 <sup>st</sup> Moyra Pyne 2 <sup>nd</sup> Doris Fischer-Jenssen 3 <sup>rd</sup> Susan Aquilina
Highest Aggregate Points in the Design Division	1 <sup>st</sup> Pam Wright 2 <sup>nd</sup> Moyra Pyne 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lana Peck
Highest Points in Houseplants	1 <sup>st</sup> Doris Fischer-Jenssen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gwyn Trehearne 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sonya Lang
Highest Points in Fruit and Vegetables	1 <sup>st</sup> Sonya Lang 2 <sup>nd</sup> Susan Aquilina 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fil Bayne

# Sponsors' Awards

<b>Royal Bank Trophy</b> for Highest Aggregate Points in Horticulture and Design	Moyra Pyne
<b>Beth Frost Award</b> for Highest Points in Design	Pam Wright

# Best in Show

	Horticulture	Design
Nov	Doris Fischer-Jenssen	Pam Wright
May	Doris Fischer-Jenssen	Pam Wright
June	Beth Langhorst	Pam Wright
August	Susan Aquilina	Pam Wright
September	Fil Bayne	Moyra Pyne



Moyra Pyne receiving the Royal Bank Trophy from Pam Wright.

## **Annual Rose & Flower Show Awards (June Meeting)**

Highest Points in the Rose Section	Moyra Pyne
Best Rose Entry in the June Show	Moyra Pyne
Highest Points in Cut Specimens	Doris Fischer-Jenssen
Highest Points in Fruits and Vegetables	Loretta McTaggart
Highest Points in the Design Division	Pam Wright
The Jemima Petty Award for Highest Aggregate Points in the Annual Show	Pam Wright
Beth Frost Award for "Best Use of Colour in Design"	Pam Wright

## **Photo Competition (October Meeting)**

Fungus/Fungi	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marsha Lipsius
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aruna Alli
Spikes and Spires	1 <sup>st</sup>	Petra Donnelly
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rita Gossai
Pretty in Pink	1 <sup>st</sup>	Terrie So
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aruna Alli
Water	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rita Gossai
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Petra Donnelly
Your Choice	1 <sup>st</sup>	Petra Donnelly
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rita Gossai
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Pickard
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Petra Donnelly

# Memories of 2023

## May Plant Sale



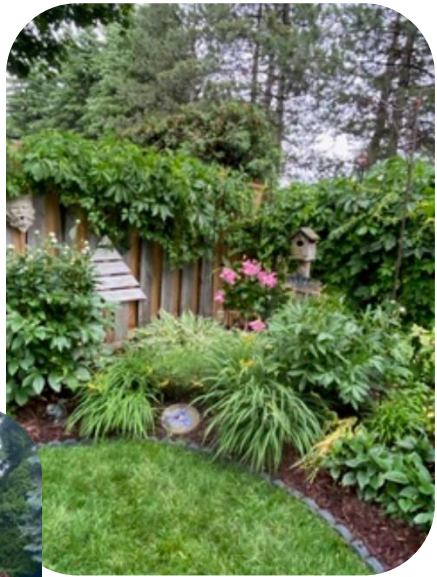
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## June Garden Tour



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## October Photography Competition



Fungi Marsha Lipsius

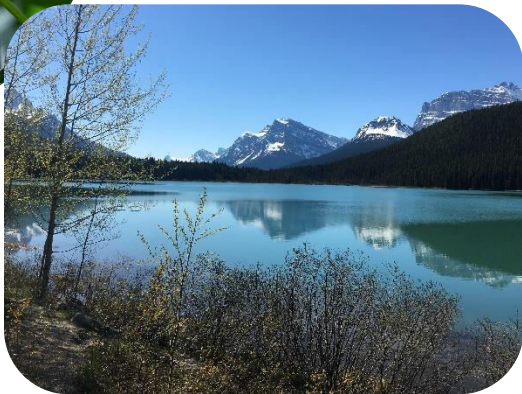


Spikes and Spires  
Petra Donnelly



Water Petra Donnelly

Your Choice Kevin Pickard



## Christmas Themed Designs (November Meeting)



Photos by Diane Olmstead





# Flower Show Rules

## Monthly Shows

### General

- All exhibitors must be paid members of Markham Garden & Horticultural Society.
- Exhibits must be placed between **6:30 and 7:30 p.m.**  
**No exceptions!**
- All entries will be judged according to Ontario Judging Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design 2019 Edition.
- No exhibit is entitled to a prize unless declared worthy by a judge. The decisions of the judge(s) are final.
- All space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Any youth wishing to place an entry in the show may do so, and the entry will be judged on its merits. Any design entry must be in keeping with the theme of the show.
- Exhibitors must provide their own containers. A basket is a container made of natural materials or metal, glass, pottery etc., in a basket shape with or without a handle.
- Any exhibit showing evidence of disease and/or insect infestation will be removed from the show table.
- The use of scarce, protected, or endangered native plants such as wild orchid, trillium, etc., in an exhibit requires that the exhibit be disqualified by the Show Committee.

### Horticulture

- Entries are limited to 2 per member in each class, except in "any" or "any other" and all houseplant classes, in which there is no limit. Multiple entries in a class must be of different cultivars.

- In display, collection, pot-et-fleur, and terrarium classes, only one entry is permitted.
- Specimen exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be labelled by variety or cultivar wherever possible. This is helpful to viewers and creates interest.
- Houseplants must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 3 months prior to the show.
- Dried/treated material in Section B of the November show need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
- More or fewer blooms, stems etc., than the number called for, will disqualify an exhibit. Note: A bud showing colour is considered a bloom.

## Design

- Entries are limited to **one** per member in the design classes.
- Exhibits in design classes must be solely the work of the exhibitor.
- Novice classes in design are open to any member who has not won more than three (3) first prizes in preceding years.
- Flowers and other materials used in design classes can be obtained from any source.
- A miniature design has maximum dimensions no more than 12.7cm (5 in) in height, width and depth including any container, base and/or accessories.
- A small design measures from 13.9cm/5.5in to 25.4cm/10in. and must not exceed 25.4cm/10in. in any direction (height, width or depth).
- Judicious use of dried, treated, painted and/or artificially coloured plant material is permitted in the design classes only, unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

# Exhibiting Information

## General

- **Read the flower show rules in the previous section.** There is important information there.
- **Read each monthly show schedule carefully** to see what is required for each class. OJES is a reference to *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design 2019*. (Send a note to mghs1920@gmail.com, c/o Pam Wright if you do not possess this publication and need exhibiting advice from it.).
- Prepare your exhibits for the show, taking note of the number of specimens required. Use a clear container, if possible.
- Bring your exhibits to the meeting before 7:30 p.m. and place them on the show tables.
- Complete an entry card (see the example at the end of this section) and place with your exhibit. Blank entry cards are on the preparation table near the show tables.

## Horticultural Specimens

- The term A.O.C is short for Any Other Cultivar and means any other cultivar/variety/species not listed above in the schedule.
- If a specific flower size is asked for, measure the blooms; if a branch size is specified, that will be the actual length of the branch.
- If more than one specimen is called for ensure that they are as similar in size, height etc. as possible.

- Exhibits should be free of disease and/or insect infestation.
- Faded and spent flowers should be removed as invisibly as possible; leaves that are marred, broken, dead or yellowed should be removed.
- Remember that a bud showing colour is considered a bloom, so carefully disbud before showing a single bloom.
- Poppies and Euphorbia that exude white latex benefit from searing the stem ends.
- Dahlias, Roses and Rudbeckia benefit from placing the stems in very hot water for a minute or two before placing in cold water.
- An exhibition Hybrid Tea Rose bloom should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  open when viewed from the top.
- When showing roses, a modern rose spray should have at least two blooms in the spray that are at least half or more open. (This does not apply to old garden and species roses which should have at least one bloom half open and a bud showing colour).
- When showing collections of cut flowers or herbs, place a list of displayed plant material beside the entry; botanical and common name is a plus.

### **Potted Plants**

- Potted plants need to be clean and free from dust, debris and pests.
- Containers for potted plants should be clean and the top layer of soil cultivated to give a fresh appearance.

## **Fruits and vegetables**

- Entries should be clean and free from excessive blemishes, insect or disease damage.
- Fruit and vegetables should be exhibited on a plate.
- Leaf vegetables should be exhibited in a container of water.
- See OJES 2019 page 108 or OJES 2003 page 69 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

## Entry Card Sample

### Markham Garden and Horticultural Society

Section / Division I Class # 17b

Title or Cultivar:

Houseplant Grown  
for foliage

☐

First

☐

Second

☐

Third

☐

Honourable  
Mention

☐

Best in  
Show

Judge's Comments:

Dracaena

I for Horticulture  
II for Design

Class Number found in  
column one of the  
show schedule

Description found in  
column two of the  
show schedule

Name of the  
cultivar/variety/species  
. If space, include in the  
Title or Cultivar line

I for Horticulture  
II for Design

Class Number found in  
column one of the  
show schedule

Description found in  
column two of the  
show schedule

Your name

### Markham Garden and Horticultural Society

Section / Division I Class # 17b

Title or Cultivar:

Houseplant  
Foliage

Exhibitor's Name:

Marilyn Worth

Award:

## **Monthly Meetings**

**February 26 – Monthly Meeting**

**Speaker: Heinke Thiessen**  
**"Gardens of Ireland"**

Online Meeting using Zoom starting at 7:30 p.m.

**March 25 – Monthly Meeting**

**Speaker: Pat De Valance**  
**"The Enchanted Garden: Creating  
Mystery and Whimsy"**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.

No Flower Show

**April 22 – Potluck Dinner**

**Speaker: Brenda Near  
"Bringing in Bees and Insects with  
Native Plants"**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Speaker 7:30 p.m.

Reminder: Bring your own plate(s), cutlery, and mug.

No Flower Show



# **May 27 – Spring Flower Show**

**Speaker: Veronica Callinan**

## **"Low Maintenance Tips for Gardeners"**

**Bring a Friend Night!**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Beth Langhorst, Xingyuan Mu

### **Division I – Horticultural**

#### **Section A – Flowering Bulbs**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
1	Narcissus (daffodil)	1 stem
2	Tulip, single	1 bloom
3	Tulip, double	1 bloom
4	Tulip, parrot	1 bloom
5	Tulip, lily type	1 bloom
6	Tulip, not less than 3 cultivars	5 stems
7	Allium	1 stem
8	Any spring-flowering bulb, corm, or tuber not listed above	1 stem

## **Section B – Flowering Branches (Under 90cm/36in)**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
9	Lilac, single blossom	1 truss
10	Lilac, double blossom	1 truss
11	Any other flowering branch, named (if possible)	1 branch

## **Section C – Spring Flowers**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
12	Peony	1 bloom
13	Aquilegia (columbine)	1 stem
14	Bleeding Heart	1 stem
15	Iris	1 spike
16	Lily-of-the-Valley	1 vase or bowl
17a	Violas or pansies (including Johnny Jump-Up) - Under 4cm/1.5in	1 vase or bowl
17b	Violas or pansies (including Johnny Jump-Up) - 4cm/1.5in or over	1 vase or bowl
18	Any other spring flower, not listed	1 stem
19	A display of mixed flowers and/or shrubs, minimum 3 cultivars	1 vase

## Section D – Houseplants

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
20	African violet, single crown	1 pot
21a	Houseplant, grown for bloom, 1 cultivar - Pot size under 15cm/6in	1 pot
21b	Houseplant, grown for bloom, 1 cultivar - Pot size 15cm/6in or over	1 pot
22a	Houseplant, grown for foliage, 1 cultivar - Pot size under 15cm/6in	1 pot
22b	Houseplant, grown for foliage, 1 cultivar - Pot size 15cm/6in or over	1 pot
23	Cactus or other succulent, 1 cultivar	1 pot
24	Trailing or climbing plant, 1 cultivar	1 pot
25	Herb, named (if possible), 1 cultivar	1 pot

## Division II – Design

### THEME: Explore a Botanical Garden

Class #	Title
26	The Streamside Garden ~ a water-viewing design
27	The Trial Garden ~ a parallel design
28	The Kitchen Garden ~ a design incorporating a vegetable/s
29	The Kitchen Garden ~ a design incorporating a vegetable/s (NOVICE)
30	The Tropical House ~ an all-foliage design
31	The Alpine House ~ a small design (see flower show rules)

# **June 24 – Annual Rose & Flower Show**

## **Speaker: Christine Moore "Lavender"**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

Strawberry Tea—additional charge to cover costs.  
Served from 7:00–7:30 p.m.

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Susan Boyuk, Maria Cuzzolino-Lam,  
Jean Lew, Marsha Lipsius

### **Division I – Horticultural**

#### **Section A – Cut Specimens**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
1	Clematis, named (if possible), 1 cultivar	3 stems
2	Dianthus, 1 variety or cultivar	3 sprays
3	Heemerocallis (day lily)	1 stem
4	Heuchera blooms, 1 cultivar	3 stems
5	Heuchera foliage, minimum of 3 cultivars, named	5 stems
6	Iris	1 stalk
7	Lily	1 stem
8	Pansies with self foliage, 1 cultivar	3 stems
9	Peony, single or Japanese	1 bloom
10	Peony, semi-double, double or Itoh	1 bloom

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
11	Sweet William, 1 cultivar	1 stem
12	Flowering branch, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
13	Any annual, 1 cultivar	3 stems
14	Any perennial or biennial not listed above	1 stem
15	Any summer-flowering bulb, corm, or tuber, named (if possible)	1 stem
16	A collection of ornamental grasses or grass-like foliage, under 90cm/36in, minimum of 3 cultivars	1 entry

### **Section B – Roses (named, if possible)**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
17	Hybrid Tea, white, yellow, pink or blends of above	1 bloom
18	Hybrid Tea, red or red blend	1 bloom
19	Hybrid Tea, any other colour	1 bloom
20	Hybrid Tea, fully open (more than $\frac{3}{4}$ open), stamens showing optional	1 bloom
21	Floribunda, white or near white	1 spray
22	Floribunda, yellow or yellow blend	1 spray
23	Floribunda, pink or pink blend	1 spray
24	Floribunda, red or red blend	1 spray
25	Floribunda, any other colour	1 spray
26	Floribunda, any colour	1 bloom
27	Grandiflora	1 stem
28	Polyantha	1 spray
29	Climber	1 bloom or spray

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
30	Shrub, other than English Shrub Rose	1 bloom or spray
31	English Shrub Rose, white, yellow, apricot or blends of above	1 bloom or spray
32	English Shrub Rose, pink, red or blends of above	1 bloom or spray
33	Miniature	1 bloom
34	Miniature	1 spray
35	Miniature, 3 different cultivars	3 blooms
36	Miniature, 3 different cultivars	3 sprays
37	One miniature bloom without foliage, floating in water in a clear glass bowl	
38	Any other rose not listed above	1 bloom or spray

### **Section C – Vegetables and Fruit**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
39	Lettuce	1 plant
40	Peas	5 pods on a plate
41	Spring onions	5 in a bunch
42	Any other vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
43	Collection of herbs, named, minimum of 5 different cultivars, displayed in water	1 container

\*\* See OJES 2019 page 108 or OJES 2003 page 69 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

## Division II – Design

### THEME: Dream Vacation

Class #	Title
44	Destination Unknown ~ using an accessory to interpret the destination
45	A Culinary Adventure ~ your own interpretation
46	An English Garden ~ a design incorporating roses
47	An English Garden ~ a design incorporating roses (NOVICE
48	Couples Resort ~ using two related containers
49	Exploring Foreign Markets ~ a modern mass design **

\*\* A design of multiple groups (usually 3–5) of plant material, each group composed of one variety of plant material.

# August 26 – Late Summer Flower Show

## Speaker: Darryl Cheng "Time Lapse: Watching Plants Grow"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Carol Baird, Reg Pembleton

### Division I – Horticultural

#### Section A – Cut Specimens

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Antirrhinum (snapdragon), 1 cultivar	1 spike
2	Aster, annual, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
3	Coleus, 1 cultivar	3 stems
4	Any foliage plant grown as an annual, other than coleus	3 stems
5	Cosmos, 1 cultivar	1 spray
6	Marigold, under 5cm/2in, 1 cultivar	3 sprays
7	Marigold, 5cm/2in or over, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
8	Pelargonium, with self foliage attached	1 head
9	Petunia	3 sprays
10	Petunias, mixed colours	1 bowl
11	Salvia, annual 1 cultivar	3 stems
12	Zinnia, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
13	Any annual not listed above, 1 cultivar	3 stems
14	Hemerocallis (day lily)	1 stem
15	Hydrangea	1 head



<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
16	Flowering branch (not over 90cm/36in)	1 branch
17	Flowering Vine	1 spray
18	Hosta foliage, 1 cultivar	3 stems
19	Rudbeckia (Gloriosa Daisy), 1 cultivar	3 stems
20	Any perennial not listed above, 1 cultivar	1 stem
21	Dahlia, disbudded	1 bloom
22	Any summer-flowering bulb, corm or tuber (other than dahlia), named (if possible)	1 stem
23	A display of perennials and/or flowering branches	1 vase
24	A display of annuals	1 container
25	A collection of garden-grown foliage, minimum of 5 different cultivars	1 container

### **Section B – Roses**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
26	Hybrid Tea, any colour	1 bloom
27	Floribunda	1 spray
28	Miniature	1 spray or bloom
29	One full-blown bloom, stamens showing optional, shown floating without foliage	
30	Any other rose, named (if possible)	1 spray or bloom

## Section C – Vegetables and Fruit

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
31	Tomatoes, large fruited	3 on a plate
32	Tomatoes, small fruited	1 truss on a plate
33	Any root vegetable	3 on a plate
34	Peppers	2 on a plate
35	Summer squash, named	1 specimen
36	Any leafy vegetable, one cultivar	3 stems
37	Any other vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
38	A collection of herbs, named, minimum 5 different cultivars, in water	1 container
39	Any fruit (see OJES 2019)	1, 3, or 5 specimens

\*\* See OJES 2019 page 108 or OJES 2003 page 69 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

## Division II – Design

### THEME: In The Heavens Above

Class #	Title
40	The Milky Way ~ a mass design
41	A Silvery Moon ~ a design using a pale colour scheme
42	A Silvery Moon ~ a design using a pale colour scheme (NOVICE)
43	Aquarius ~ a design with visible use of water
44	Gemini ~ using 2 related containers
45	A Twinkling Star ~ a fresh miniature design (see Flower Show rules)

# September 23 – Autumn Flower Show

## Speaker: Dugald Cameron "Clematis and Climbing Roses"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Chelsey Low,, Jill Valliant

### Division I – Horticultural

#### Section A – Cut Specimens

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Aster, annual, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
2	Calendula, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
3	Coleus, 1 cultivar	3 stems
4	Garden-grown foliage plant, with colourful or interesting foliage, other than coleus	3 stems
5	Cosmos, 1 cultivar	1 spray
6a	Marigold, 1 cultivar, under 5cm/2in	3 sprays
6b	Marigold, 1 cultivar, 5cm/2in or over	3 blooms
67	Pelargonium, with self foliage attached	1 head
8	Petunia	3 sprays
9	Zinnia, any variety, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
10a	Any other annual not listed above, Natural plant growth habit under 15cm/6in	3 stems
10b	Any other annual not listed above, Natural plant growth habit 15cm/6in or over	1 stem

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
11	Anemone Japonica	1 stem
12	Chrysanthemum	1 spray
13	Ornamental grass, sedge or rush, one cultivar, not over 100cm/40in	3 stems
14	Perennial Phlox	1 stem
15	Rudbeckia, 1 cultivar	3 stems
16	Sedum Spectabile	3 stems
17	Any Perennial, named (if possible)	1 stem
18	Tuberous begonia, to be shown floating with added self foliage	1 bloom
19	Dahlia, disbudded	
	a. Under 15cm/6in	1 stem
	b. 15cm/6in or over	1 stem
20	A.O.C. summer-flowering bulb, corm or tuber, named if possible	1 stem
21	Flowering or fruiting shrub, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
22	Hydrangea	1 head
23	A display of mixed flowers	1 container
24	Seed pods or heads, natural length of stem	3 stems

#### Section B – Roses

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
25	Hybrid Tea, white, yellow or pink	1 bloom
26	Hybrid Tea, red	1 bloom
27	Hybrid Tea, any other colour	1 bloom
28	Floribunda	1 spray
29	Miniature	1 bloom or spray

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
30	Any other rose, named (if possible)	1 bloom or spray
31	One full-blown bloom, stamens showing optional, floating in water in a clear glass bowl	

### **Section C – Vegetables and Fruit**

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
32	Winter squash	1 specimen
33	Tomatoes, large fruited	3 on a plate
34	Tomatoes, small fruited	1 truss on a plate
35	Any other variety of vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
36	Raspberries	5 on a plate
37	Any other fruit **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
38	A harvest display of fruit and/or vegetables exhibited in a suitable container	1 container
39	Kale leaves, one cultivar	3 stems

\*\* See OJES 2019 page 108 or OJES 2003 page 69 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

## Division II – Design

### THEME: Autumn Joys

Class #	Title
40	Going Apple Picking ~ incorporating apples in the design
41	The Remains of Summer ~ incorporating seed heads/pods (fresh or dried)
42	Glorious Autumn Leaves ~ an all-foliage design
43	Glorious Autumn Leaves ~ an all-foliage design (NOVICE)
44	Morning Mists ~ your own interpretation
45	A Colourful Sunset ~ a design

# **October 28 – Photography Competition**

## **Speaker: Maureen Hulbert "Fabulous Canadian Flora from Coast to Coast"**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

No Flower Show  
Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.  
Awards Presentation

### **Photo Competition**

#### **Deadline for entry submission: October 9**

- Entries are limited to 2 per category.
- Entries must have been taken by the entrant.
- Photos entered in previous Markham Garden & Horticultural Society photo competitions are not eligible to be presented again.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each category.
- One of the photographs entered will be selected as the yearbook cover.
- Photos entered may be used in the yearbook.
- Digital Photos:
  - a. Cropping is allowed but electronic/digital alteration (e.g., Photo Shop) of images is not allowed.
  - b. Jpeg format is preferred.

- Printed Photos:
  - a. Dimensions of printed photos: 10cm/4in by 15cm/6in colour.
  - b. Prints on photo-quality paper of photographs taken digitally are acceptable, but electronic/digital alteration of images is not allowed.
  - c. Printed photos must include your name, telephone number, and category on the back.

Orange is the colour of the year for 2024. In collaboration with Communities in Bloom, the OHA would like to invite everyone to plant orange in honour of our Indigenous communities as we celebrate all the ways **Plants Love You**, by adding the warmth and energy of orange to our green spaces. This gesture is a beautiful way to make a positive and symbolic statement in our communities. In keeping with that idea, our photo competition theme honours our Indigenous communities.

## **Theme: From Orange to Red**

### **Categories:**

1. Make It Orange
2. Berrylicious
3. The Setting Sun
4. A Feathered Friend
5. A Trailing Plant (e.g. Roses, Honeysuckle, Clematis, houseplant)



# **November 25 – Christmas Flower Show**

## **Speaker: Mary-Ann Vercammen "Anything Goes at Christmas"**

**Markham Village Arena Community Centre**

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:20 p.m.

Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.

Installation of 2025 Executive Committee

MGHS AGM

Judges Clerks: Karyn Lockhart, Susan Peterson

### **Division I – Horticultural**

#### **Section A – Horticultural**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
1	Collection of evergreens, coniferous, and/or broad-leaved, at least, 5 named	1 entry
2	Berried or coloured branch, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
3	Newly established cutting(s), 1 cultivar	1 pot
4	Any garden-grown "survivor" flower, may be annual, biennial, perennial or rose	1 stem
5	Cactus or other succulent, 1 cultivar	1 pot
6a	Houseplants grown for foliage	1 pot
6b	Houseplants grown for bloom	1 pot
7	Any plant grown as a miniature type	1 pot

## **Section B – Dried Plant Material (Need not be grown by the exhibitor)**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title or Cultivar</b>	<b>Number Specimens</b>
8	Hydrangea, air dried	3 stems
9	Air-dried flowers, natural stems	3 stems
10	Plant material preserved in glycerine	3 stems
11	Seed pods or heads, ripened naturally, natural length of stems	3 stems
12	Display of dried and/or preserved materials, a minimum of 5 different cultivars	1 container

## **Division II – Design**

### **THEME: Preparing for the Holidays**

<b>Class #</b>	<b>Title</b>
13	Stringing the Lights ~ a design incorporating mini lights
14	Online Shopping ~ using a basket
15	Online Shopping ~ using a basket (NOVICE)
16	Welcome To Our House ~ a door swag
17	A Box of Chocolates ~ a pave design
18	Taking a Break ~ a design in a mug

## Honour Roll of Presidents

1920–1933	Names unavailable		
1934–1935	A. H. Crosby	1984–1985	Dorothy McKelvey
1936–1939	O. R. Stalter	1986–1987	Phyllis Hollinger
1940–1940	Roy H. Crosby	1988–1989	Sayde Turnbull
1950–1951	C.R. Wideman	1990–1992	John Crow
1952–1955	W. Bundy	1993–1995	Margaret Amos
1956–1957	T. Leishman	1996–1997	Trudy Tatangelo
1958–1960	W. Heaton	1998–1999	Gordon Thompson
1961–1962	G.S. Jourdan	2000–2003	Margaret Amos
1963–1964	O. R. Stalter	2004–2006	Lynn Bean
1965–1965	W. A. Tyte	2007–2008	Moyra Pyne
1966–1967	B. C. Graham	2009–2012	Dorothy McKelvey
1968–1970	Alymer Lambert	2013–2016	Pamela Wright
1971–1972	J. F. Van Poeche	2017	Executive Committee
1973–1975	Myrtle Hamill	2018–2019	Diane Olmstead, Lana Peck
1976–1978	Pat Warriner	2020–2023	Marilyn Worth
1979–1981	Pam Wright	2024	Executive Committee
1982–1983	Irene Kneeshaw		



## In Memoriam

Paul Martial  
Fritz Schmidt

# Officers and Directors

## Officers

President	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant
Secretary	Gerrie Storr
Treasurer	Joy Clarke
Assistant Treasurer	Stephanie Zheng
Past President	Marilyn Worth

## Directors for 2024

Rose Chapman  
Joy Clarke  
Patricia Hinds  
Loretta McTaggart  
Diane Olmstead

## Directors for 2024 – 2025

Aruna Alli  
Xingyuan Mu  
Moyra Pyne  
Gerrie Storr  
Pam Wright  
Stephanie Zheng

## Financial Reviewers 2023

Lorraine Chipperfield  
Jean Lew

Special thanks to Jennifer Banfield, Doris Fischer-Jenssen and Lana Peck who have stepped down as Directors.

Members of the Executive can be contacted by email at  
[mghs1920@gmail.com](mailto:mghs1920@gmail.com)

# Committees and Convenors

## Meetings:

Membership	Loretta McTaggart
Speakers	Coordinator: Moyra Pyne Executive Team
Fundraiser	Pat Hinds
Projector	Diane Olmstead
Greeter Volunteers	

## Committees

Flower Show Committee	Chair: Stephanie Zheng Moyra Pyne, Doris Fischer- Jenssen, Pamela Wright, Barb Tang
Plant Sale Committee	Chair: Diane Olmstead Executive Team
2025 Garden Tour Committee	Chair: TBD
Bus Tour Committee	Chair: Loretta McTaggart Joy Clarke, Rose Chapman, Diane Olmstead

## Events:

April Potluck Dinner	Executive Committee
June Strawberry Tea	Joy Clarke Pat Hinds
October Photography Competition	Xingyuan Mu

## General:

Archives	Marilyn Worth
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Bookmarks	Xingyuan Mu
OHA Website	Marilyn Worth
MGHS Website	Xingyuan Mu
Social Media	Gerrie Storr Marilyn Worth
Instagram	Diane Olmstead
Facebook	Rose Chapman
Yearbook	Marilyn Worth Gerrie Storr Nicola Balfour

***TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS***

Pat yourself on the back for a job  
well done!



On behalf of the Markham Garden  
and Horticultural Society, thank you  
for your help in making our  
meetings memorable and fun!

# Ontario Horticultural Association



Markham Garden and Horticultural Society is a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, an umbrella organization for 282 horticultural societies with some 40,000 members throughout Ontario. It is divided into 19 districts, each with a director who guides activities in that district. Markham Garden and Horticultural Society is in District 5 (Toronto East, York Region East). You can find out more about the Ontario Horticultural Association at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org).

## **OHA's Trillium Newsletter**

[www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php?news=196](http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php?news=196)

## **Lake Simcoe Master Gardeners (covers York Region)**

Website: <https://www.lssmgoi.com/>

## **Toronto Master Gardeners**

Website: <https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/>

Contact number (416) 397-1345

## **Durham Master Gardeners**

Website: <https://durhammastergardeners.ca/>

## District 5



District 5 of the Ontario Horticultural Association covers a large area stretching from Lake Simcoe in the north to Lake Ontario in the south.

Members of the Markham Garden and Horticultural Society are invited to visit any of the District 5 societies. A nominal fee may apply.

### District 5 Societies

**Agincourt Garden Club** [agincourt@gardenontario.org](mailto:agincourt@gardenontario.org)

**Garden Aurora** [aurora@gardenontario.org](mailto:aurora@gardenontario.org)

**East Gwillimbury Gardeners** [eastgwillimbury@gardenontario.org](mailto:eastgwillimbury@gardenontario.org)

**East York Garden Club** [www.eygc.ca](http://www.eygc.ca)

**Greater Toronto Bulb Society** [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)

**Greater Toronto Watergarden and Horticultural Society**  
<https://onwatergarden.com/>

**Lake Simcoe Gardeners** [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)

**Leaside Garden Society** [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)

**Newmarket Garden Club** [www.gardennewmarket.ca](http://www.gardennewmarket.ca)

**North York Garden Club** [northyork@gardenontario.org](mailto:northyork@gardenontario.org)

**Riverdale Horticultural Society** [riverdale@gardenontario.org](mailto:riverdale@gardenontario.org)

**Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society**

[scarborough@gardenontario.org](mailto:scarborough@gardenontario.org)

**Stouffville Garden Club** [stouffvillehortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:stouffvillehortsoc@gmail.com)



# Gardening Resources

## **[www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)**

The official website for the Ontario Horticultural Association, this site contains information and links to all Ontario clubs' sites.

## **[www.compost.org](http://www.compost.org)**

Events, publications, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about composting.

## **[www.gardenweb.com](http://www.gardenweb.com)**

Gardening tips, a glossary of botanical terms, and a database of plants.

## **[www.gardening-enjoyed.com](http://www.gardening-enjoyed.com)**

Ken Brown's website has a wealth of info on a broad range of gardening topics as well as links to other websites. Subscribe to his newsletter.

## **[www.perennials.com](http://www.perennials.com)**

Managed by world-renowned horticulturalist John Valleau, site has tips on perennial garden design along with lots of information about heritage perennials.

## **[www.gardenmaking.com](http://www.gardenmaking.com)**

Has information to inspire and inform home gardeners. Sign up for Beckie Fox's newsletter and to be informed about events all over Ontario.

## **[www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)**

The official website of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, this site provides information about ongoing events and advises what is currently in bloom.

## **[www.richter.com](http://www.richter.com)**

The official website of Richters Herbs in Goodwood, it has comprehensive information about almost any herb. This is where you can go to learn about growing herbs and making herbal products.

### **[www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca)**

The official website of the Toronto Botanical Garden. The site contains a calendar of events for other garden clubs, as well as a schedule for their ongoing lecture series.

### **[www.planthardiness.gc.ca](http://www.planthardiness.gc.ca)**

Natural Resources Canada provides numerous resources, including plant hardiness maps for regions across Canada.

### **[www.markcullen.com](http://www.markcullen.com)**

Ten thousand gardening questions answered.

## **Specialty Gardening Clubs**

**Canadian Iris Society** [www.cdn-iris.ca](http://www.cdn-iris.ca)

**Ontario Delphinium Club** [www.ondelphiniums.com](http://www.ondelphiniums.com)

**Canadian Peony Society** [www.peony.ca](http://www.peony.ca)

**Toronto African Violet Society** [www.tavs.ca](http://www.tavs.ca)

**Canadian Rose Society** [www.canadianrosesociety.org](http://www.canadianrosesociety.org)

**Ontario Hosta Society** [www.ontariohostasociety.com](http://www.ontariohostasociety.com)

**Ontario Daylily Society** [www.ontariodaylily.on.ca](http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca)

**Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society**

[www.onrockgarden.com](http://www.onrockgarden.com)

**Southern Ontario Orchid Society** [www.soos.ca](http://www.soos.ca)

**Toronto Cactus and Succulent Club** [www.torontocactus.org](http://www.torontocactus.org)

**North American Native Plant Society** [www.nanps.org](http://www.nanps.org)

## **2024 Perennial of the Year**

*Phlox paniculata* 'Jeana'

'Jeana' is an exceptional garden phlox renowned for its impressive flower show, tall sturdy habit, and pollinator friendliness. Dense, domed trusses crown stiff stems from midsummer to early fall. Individually, the fragrant lavender-pink flowers are significantly smaller than typical garden phlox—only about half an inch wide—but the show at peak is eye-popping, nonetheless.

<https://perennialplant.org/page/2024PPOY>

# Events to Remember

## **Seedy Saturday at the Brickworks**

Toronto Botanical Gardens has opted to forgo hosting its annual Get the Jump on Spring/Seedy Saturday event this year to support the Brickworks event by participating as a vendor.

Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## **Toronto Botanical Gardens Plant Sale**

Members only, Friday May 10

Public May 11-12

## **North American Native Plant Society Sale**

May 18 Toronto Botanical Gardens

## **Jarvie Open Garden/Sale:**

May 11-12, June 8-9, July 29-30, September 14-15, 2024

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Rain or shine

37 Thornheights Road, Thornhill, L3T 3L9

[http://marionjarvie.ca/Open\\_garden.html](http://marionjarvie.ca/Open_garden.html)

## **Oshawa Valley Peony Festival**

June 8-9, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Check website for information.

<https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/peony-festival.aspx>

**Parkwood National Historical Site** – Oshawa. Check website for times and tours <https://www.parkwoodestate.com/>

## **Executive Committee Meetings**

**Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, April 15, May 13, September 9, October 7, December 2**

Held by Zoom, chaired by a member of the Executive team.

# Notes