



NEWSLETTER PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"



NESTLETON, ONTARIO
MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
November December, 2020

President: Norma Haney

Membership: Carolyn Humphrey

Meeting Cancellations November 3rd

**At this time due to Provincial
Restrictions regarding COVID 19
we cannot safely hold our Annual
General Meeting scheduled for
Tuesday, December 1st**

Congratulations



Port Perry High School student, Sam Chasse was recently awarded the Annual Pine Ridge Garden Club Bursary of \$500. Sam is attending Trent University studying Trent's Environmental & Resource Studies/Science Program



President's Message

Due to the Pandemic our Annual General Meeting held annually the 1st Tuesday in December which includes election of officers for the upcoming year has been cancelled. Our current executive and board members will remain in office until it is absolutely safe to hold an Annual General Meeting including elections.

It has been truly disappointing not being able to meet and share time with members who enjoy a passion for gardening and all that it encompasses.

There are many ways to pass the time during winter. Check the internet for DIY indoor/garden projects. Walks in the great outdoors on crisp clear days provide stunning views, bird watching and fresh air. All of which are good for you. Visit garden centres for ideas on creating your outdoor displays. Do not loose heart during the coming months. We will get through this.

Norma

Out and About this Winter

You might consider day trips in the coming months, especially during the holiday season. A trip to a quaint town such as Warkworth or Port Hope late November or early December is a reasonably short drive. Similar to Port Perry both towns boast delightful festive displays on their main street. How better to get you into the holiday spirit. There are many Garden Centres within a short drive offering an array of indoor plants, boughs, decorations, etc., for gift giving or your holiday decorating—inside and out. Most stay open during the winter. Check your Yearbook for a listing including telephone numbers.

Be sure to follow all health regulations



THANK YOU

I hope you had a chance to visit Linda Brunton's garden during her open garden tour in September.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and was very impressed with the abundance of annuals and perennials that were still putting on a spectacular show that late in the season.

Why Not Do It Yourself

Why not try making a Christmas door swag this year. Check out [www: DIY Holiday Door Swags](http://www.DIYHolidayDoorSwags.com). You'll find some great tutorials to get you started.

KEEP TAKING PHOTOS



This is a beautiful time of the year for capturing photos of seasonal displays and awesome scenes Mother Nature provides. Strolls along local trails and our Main Street provides plenty of opportunities for us amateur photographers.

The Old Gal's Gardening Tips

******If you are planning to overwinter canna or dahlia rhizomes/tuberous roots you grew this past summer there are a few points to consider. After the first hard frost turns the tops black, carefully dig them up and cut off the blackened foliage. Clean rhizomes/tuberous roots, lay on a dry surface and allow them to dry (*this is important*). Turn them a few times to ensure they dry evenly. Once dry wrap them in newspaper, place in cardboard box and store them in the darkest, coolest part of the basement or in the garage if it remains above freezing. Check them periodically to ensure they are not becoming too dry and crinkly. If so, apply a light misting of water.

******Cut boughs and branches early/mid November for your indoor/outdoor displays and keep them in a container with a few inches of water. The garage works well for storing them until you are ready to create your designs.

Rake leaves onto your gardens and be sure to leave some perennial stalks standing during winter. This creates winter interest and can provide protection for some pollinators.