



PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"

July-August 2022 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

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Celebrating 45 Years!

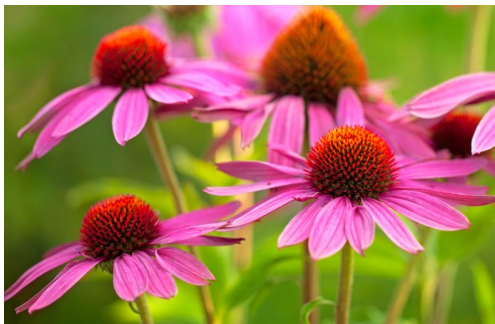
UPCOMING MEETINGS IN PERSON AT NESTLETON HALL

**Tuesday, July 5
7:30 p.m.**

****Place your Flower and Vegetable Show entries by 6:30 p.m.****

Best Fascinator Contest!

Speaker: Brenda Near
Topic: Attracting Bees and
Insects with Native Plants



45th Anniversary Celebration

**Tuesday, August 2
7:30 p.m.**

*NOTE Program Change:

Libbi Hood will present Leeds Castle Gardens in Spring

45th Anniversary Presentation

Cupcakes and punch will be served

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year Museum Garden volunteers were faced with recreating the school house gardens after major work was carried out on the foundation. Two new spireas were planted along with a variety of annuals. We will continue adding perennials to these beds later this season. The Lee House and Herb Garden also required extensive work. Thanks to those hardy members who worked so hard and didn't let a little rain slow them down. If you visit the museum please check out the gardens.

I am looking forward to visiting some of our members' gardens during the self-guided Red Garden/Display Tour, July 16 & 17. It should be interesting to see how members incorporated the colour red into their garden schemes. If you're visiting members' gardens, please be respectful during your visit.

We invite you to join us to at our August 2nd Meeting when we plan to celebrate our 45th year. More information will be forthcoming.

Your fascinators will be judged at our July meeting. Remember we're gardeners, so keep in mind our judges will be looking for fresh flowers in your creations.

Keep on gardening.

Regards,

Norma

Year of the Garden—Self-Guided Tour

Thanks to everyone who signed up for our Year of the Garden, members-only tour on July 16 and 17. A list of garden locations will be provided at the July 5 meeting along with red balloons to mark your gardens that week-end.

Please don't share the list beyond Garden Club members, and enjoy the different takes on the Year of the Garden.

Garden Ontario 50/50 Raffle

You can support a good cause... GARDENING! Consider purchasing a ticket in Garden Ontario's first 50/50 Raffle. The whole raffle is done online, with a range of ticket options:

200 for \$75
80 for \$40
30 for \$20
10 for \$10



Tickets will only be available online at: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

DRAW # 1 - All tickets sold until July 15 at 11:59 p.m. will be entered into the grand prize draw. Draw to take place on July 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM during the OHA Annual General Meeting!! Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. Must be within Ontario when purchasing a ticket.

Capture Those Raindrops

Remember to snap photos throughout the seasons so you have lots to enter in the October meeting. For example, we've had just enough rainy days this spring to provide opportunities to take an amazing Lingering Raindrops photo (Class 5).



Garden Tours!

Orono Horticultural Society is having a garden tour on July 9, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets at \$15/person to tour 7 wonderful gardens. For tickets call Beryl 905-983-5591 (cash). To arrange for e-transfer email:

oronohortsociety@gmail.com

Manvers Historical Society is also having a garden tour on July 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. View 11 gardens including a variety of participating Local Artisans who will be selling their wares on a cash basis.

Tickets are \$20/person which includes a brochure with garden descriptions and a map. Brochure is required for admittance into each garden. Pre-ordered box lunches are available for \$10.00 for pick up at Aunt Laura's Tea Room, 1402 Hwy 7A, Bethany. Tickets must be purchased in advance before June 30 by calling Kathy Morton at 705-277-2636 or email at kmorton131@gmail.com

Why Not Enter a Show?

Pine Ridge Garden Club has two Flower and Vegetable Shows left this season... it's the perfect time to enter!

It's Easy

The July 5 show has 27 classes to choose from, not including the three design classes (and one for novice designers).

If you grow hostas, enter 3 leaves in a clear glass vase. Aim for them to be as perfect and identical as possible... and arrive early enough to fill out your entry card.

Hosta foliage won Best in Show for horticulture at our June meeting!



It's Fun

You go to all the effort to grow your beautiful garden, why not show it off? It really is fun to enter and think of the pride you'll feel if you place.

The July show is on page 20 of the yearbook and the September show is on page 22.

A Gardener's Work is Never Done

Summer has arrived and it's time to relax! If only that were true but there are always jobs to be done in a garden!

Weeding! All that sunshine and rain combines to help all the plants grow, including weeds. Keep on top of them before they go to seed.

Watering! Your garden beds will be ok as long as there is fairly regular rain... but your pots and planters will need daily watering in the hottest months. Even if it rains, your lush, full planters repel most of the rain.

Deadheading! Be sure to remove the spent blooms from annuals and most perennials to encourage more continued flowering.

Pruning! Remove tomato suckers for more fruit production (and easier harvesting). Check before pruning perennial shrubs and avoid spring bloomers as they could be setting buds for next year already.

That's enough work... grab a cold drink and enjoy your garden!