



# PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

*"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"*

September-October 2023 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nestleton Community Centre,  
3967 Hwy 7A

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

**Fall Flower and  
Vegetable Show**

**\*\*Place your Show entries  
between 6 and 6:45 p.m.\*\***

**Speaker:** Molly Shannon,  
Canadian Succulents

**Topic:**  
Outdoor Succulents

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**Tuesday, October 3**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**\*\*Dessert Night\*\***

**Bring your ready-to-serve  
dessert donations by 6:45  
p.m. Remember to put your  
name on your serving dish!**

**Coffee/Tea and Dessert: \$4**

**Speaker:** Paul Heydon,  
Grow Wild Nursery

**Topic:**  
Why Grow Native Plants?

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In July I was happy to travel to Kanata outside Ottawa for the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention. It was the first convention since 2019 (annual meetings took place online) - and it was my first!

There are many different parts of convention and I did my best to try everything. The business of the OHA took place each morning, voting on changes to our by-laws, receiving the secretary's and treasurer's reports and voting in new members of the executive.

There were bus trips in the afternoons, and I went on a Rock Garden tour at three homes of local garden club members. They were lovely spots. I also attended a seminar about peonies and a design demonstration by a local florist.

There were wonderful entries to a wide variety of competitions, including creative writing, photography, horticultural and design (see the 3 photos). I spent time with the small group from our District 17, including Director Debi Foster and Assistant Director Robin Burns. Overall it was a great weekend to learn a lot and have some fun.

The 2024 convention will be in Guelph and in EXCITING news, the 2025 convention will be hosted by us in District 17 along with District 4, our neighbours to the east! Planning meetings are beginning this fall and we will need many volunteers to put on a great convention. Let me know if you're interested in being part of the fun.

I hope you and your gardens are ready for fall.

All the best,  
Libbi

**NOTE!** A 2024 District 17 GM will be held in Oshawa April 27 and the photography schedule is available online at [www.OHADistrict17.ca](http://www.OHADistrict17.ca)



## August Design Demonstration

Our design demonstration by OHA judge Barbara Twiner and our own Pine Ridge Show Chair Norma Haney was a big success! While they created their designs, including a parallel design by Norma and several classic round designs by Barb, they provided tips as to what they were doing and why.

We learned about the elements of design: space, form, texture, line, colour, and pattern. We also learned the principles of design: balance, proportion, contrast, rhythm, scale and dominance. This information and more is available in the OJES book we sell for \$10—ask Norma or Libbi at the meeting.

Early feedback on this design demonstration was extremely positive, so we will plan something similar as part of our 2024 programs too.

Now it's time to take what you've learned, and try entering a design in the September 5 show. Categories include a vertical design, wayside design, harvest design with flowers, fruit and veg, and the novice category is a small design, maximum 10" in any direction.



Our thanks to Village Florist and Gifts by Design in Nestleton for donating the flowers for Norma's design.

## Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw

The latest 50/50 draw ends Friday, Sept 15. The funds raised are used to support garden clubs across the province.

Details and tickets:

[https:// www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha](https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha)

## Photo Competition

Photos for our annual competition are due at the October meeting. The categories are:

- Class 1     **"First Signs of Spring"**
- Class 2     **"Early Risers"** (May garden)
- Class 3     **"Picture Me"** (close up of a single bloom)
- Class 4     **"Flora & Fauna Together"**
- Class 5     **"Blooming Beauties"** (multiple blooms, 1 cultivar)
- Class 6     **"Hanging on the Vine"** (fruit/vegetables)
- Class 7     **"Out and About in Fall"**
- Class 8     **"A Quiet Slumber"** (winter scene)

Photos must be printed and mounted on white card—dollar store Bristol board works well. Glue or tape the photo down and tape a competition entry to the front. If you don't have any competition entry tags, pick some up at the September 5 meeting.

You don't need a fancy camera to take great photos. Many winning photos have been taken on smartphones! Happy Snapping!

## Port Perry Fair-Sept. 2-4

The annual agricultural fair offers a chance to enter flowers, vegetables and floral designs in the competitions. With so many talented growers and designers in our club, we should be well represented. Pine Ridge Garden Club is a sponsor of some floral categories at both the Port Perry Fair and the Blackstock Fair (August 26). We are happy to support these great community events.

## Notice: Pine Ridge Name Change\*

We are planning to change the name of our garden club to Scugog Pine Ridge (\*for marketing purposes only). This will be a by-law amendment that is voted on at our December 5 Annual General Meeting. Club members must receive 60 days notice before being asked to vote on a by-law change.

## Toronto Botanical Gardens

The Toronto Botanical Garden is open daily from dawn to dusk and it's free entry (but paid parking). In addition to visiting the gardens, they offer regular events such as a weekly market and free gardening seminars. In September, the free on-site seminars include Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes and Tubers; Soil Matters and Putting Your Garden to Bed. The Toronto Botanical Garden is at 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto M3C 1P2.

Learn more at [TorontoBotanicalGarden.ca](https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca)