



PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"

November-December 2023 Newsletter

NESTLETON, ONTARIO

MEMBER OF DISTRICT 17 ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nestleton Community Centre,
3967 Hwy 7A

**Tuesday, November 7
7:30 p.m.**

**Members-Only Seasonal
Workshop**

****Bring any special decorations you'd like to add to your teardrop swag.**

Speaker: Gail of Village Florist and Gifts, Nestleton

**Tuesday, December 5
6:30 p.m.**

**Potluck Dinner
Annual General Meeting**

- Elections of Officers, Awards and Door Prizes
- Potluck Dinner
- Collecting Monetary Donations for Operation Scugog

Bring your plates, cups and cutlery, along with your potluck donation.

Remember to put your name on your serving dish!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm always learning something new about gardening. For example, while researching this issue of the newsletter, I learned that it's fine that I've been too busy to get my dahlias out of the ground. According to an article on GardenMaking.com, I'm supposed to leave them until the plants have fully died back.

I can't believe we're coming to the end of another great year of gardening and garden club. I'm happy that regardless of what's going on in the world, getting into the garden for fresh air and exercise can be healing.

Before the year is done, we have a little more fun and a little more business to attend to. Our members-only workshop will be a fun event to make a nice swag for the holiday season. If you hang it outside, it can last until January. (Or maybe April if your post-holiday attention to detail is anything like mine!).

Our Annual General Meeting and Potluck is December 5. After we've enjoyed our delicious dinner we'll be voting on our proposed name change and installing a new Board. (Volunteers wanted!)

Hope to see you all there. Thank you for another great year of Pine Ridge Garden Club.

All the best,
Libbi

Membership Dues

If you haven't yet, please pay for your 2024 membership at the November or December meeting.

Membership fees are \$20 for a single person and \$25 for a family. We think these are great value for the entertainment, competitions, education and fun we have each year.





Notice: Pine Ridge Name Change*

We are planning to change the name of our garden club to Scugog Pine Ridge Garden Club (*for marketing purposes only).

This will be an amendment to our constitution that is voted on by current members at our December 5 Annual General Meeting.

Annual General Meeting.

This name change will help us market the club as it's more descriptive and tells people where we meet (and garden). It will also help us avoid being confused (particularly online) with another Pine Ridge garden club that is in the U.S.

Our Club rules indicate Club members must receive 60 days notice before being asked to vote on changes to by-laws or the constitution.

For that reason, the name change was first introduced in the September-October newsletter and at the September club meeting.

Putting Your Gardens to Bed

The inconsistent weather patterns make it hard to know when it's best to do your garden tasks.

- ♦ Dig up your summer bulbs and tubers—canna, dahlias, gladiolas, etc. OR just leave them in the ground and treat yourself to new varieties next year!
- ♦ Rake your leaves onto your garden beds—even better if you mulch them first
- ♦ Empty and take in your water barrels
- ♦ Get your tulips and daffodils in the ground—cover with mesh to help deter squirrels
- ♦ Help prevent Oak Wilt by only pruning Oak trees between November and April.

Save the Date! The 2024 District 17 AGM will be held in Oshawa April 27 and the photography schedule is available online at www.OHADistrict17.ca

Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw

The latest 50/50 draw ends December 15. The funds raised are used to support garden clubs across the province. Details and tickets: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

Volunteer and Make a Difference!

Nominations for the volunteer PRGC Board and Executive are now open. The 2024 Board will be elected at the December 5 Annual General Meeting.

We invite you to step-up and be involved with the club. We are seeking help in several areas and encourage you to consider lending your talents to the leadership and running of the club.

Board members attend one Board meeting per month, and help with set-up and tidy up at club meetings, booking speakers, writing the newsletter, fundraising, advertising, photography and more.

For more info or to be nominated speak to a current Board member or email pineridgegardeners@gmail.com.

Neat Idea! Community Herb Garden

Do you have a 'little free library' in your neighbourhood, where you can take a book or leave a book? Well here's the gardening equivalent!

Walking in Cobourg, Ontario in 2022 I came across this Community Herb Box offering "Free Herbs", complete with scissors to snip what you need.

The instructions were to snip only leaves; take what you need; leave some for the neighbours; if the plant looks like it needs to grow, let it grow; and offer thanks to the growers.

A simple and lovely way to share.

