



Brooklin Horticultural Society Newsletter

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BHS meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Brooklin United Church; except January, July and December. The November meeting is at St. Thomas Anglican Church.

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Keeping Ontario Beautiful

“New Plants for 2019” Wednesday February 27, 2019 - 7:30 PM

‘Plant Lust’ - many of us suffer from it.....and it’s incurable! So give in to it and join us on February 27, as BHS welcomes Matthew Dressing from Sheridan Nurseries. Matthew is presenting “New Plants for 2019”, so have your pen and paper ready as we anxiously anticipate what he will reveal! Matthew is a Horticulturist and Landscape Designer with 20 years experience in the horticultural industry. He holds both Horticultural and Landscape Technician diplomas from Niagara College. Matthew has worked at Sheridan Nurseries for 8 years and he also co-hosts the garden radio show “Down the Garden Path”, on Monday evenings at 7:00pm on www.realityradio101.com.

Come early to renew your membership - \$20 per member or \$30 per family of two (living at the same address). This membership fee entitles you to our yearbook, the quarterly newsletter, great speakers and topics at 10 meetings during the year, as well as eligibility to participate in our flower, vegetable, design and photo competitions. Another great benefit: membership entitles you to a 10% or better discount at many local nurseries, garden shops and other retailers.

So come on in from winter, bring a friend, catch up with old friends and make new ones too! Don't forget to 'lug-a-mug' for coffee or tea while you enjoy some treats too.

Welcome to our returning and new members and guests!

THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The days are getting longer, and sunrise is earlier each day. Winter offers the opportunity to catch a few of those Saturday morning gardening inspirational programs, get to the library and hunt down a book on some aspect of horticultural we're not already "expert" on, for after-supper enjoyment.

We are fortunate here at the BHS to have several experts, either as Master Gardeners, or specialists in a horticultural field, and as communicators. I recognize this strength, as someone who has benefitted from this talent around us. And I encourage you to invite others who don't yet feel that they have the knowledge they'd like, to join us and participate in the learning process.

I see a significant migration through the generations, from households that had vegetable gardens to form the basis of their meal planning from late spring to early winter, to children of those families who did not have the time or inclination to establish their own gardens, but they were quite familiar with the requirements and techniques of growing. Now, as the families become more nuclear, with smaller and smaller areas to use, their children have almost no exposure to horticulture other than landscape planting. These young people now have aspirations to set up their own small garden plot as they build new families but have little foundation to start with. Therein lies the great opportunity of the Brooklin Horticultural Society.

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2019 BHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back L to R: Mary Thompson, Margaret McGibney, Julia Noakes, Lisa Ruck, Paul Cloutier, Co-President Hans Paats, Treasurer Denise Carter, 2nd VP and Secretary Jan Illing, Front, L to R: Co-President Leslie Tate, Kathy Allam; Absent - 1st VP Jane Austin

Congratulations!



The **President's Awards** were presented to Denise Carter (above) and Julia Noakes (below) at our November 2018 AGM.



MEET SOME OF OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Thompson – Mary is a Whitby resident, born and raised. She has been a gardener for over 30 years and is particularly passionate about flower gardening. Her backyard border gardens contain peonies, several species of day lilies, grasses, weigelas, Japanese iris and her prized wisteria vine which stretches over 30 feet of fencing. The wisteria is an “animal” that needs to be tamed several times a year...she keeps her chair and whip handy for that chore. It is definitely the only high maintenance plant in her garden these days, as she has developed a preference for low maintenance plants in an attempt to save her knees. Mary is a retired widow who was an automotive engineer with General Motors for most of her career and has two young adult sons. She loves to downhill ski as well as travel south in the winter, while in the summer she enjoys hiking, cheering for the Toronto Blue Jays and of course, gardening. Mary looks forward to meeting fellow members, exchanging gardening stories and helping the BHS serve its members and our community.

Paul Cloutier – Paul has been a member of BHS for a number of years, even before he retired 6 years ago. He firmly believes in a low maintenance garden and so you will find his garden full of his favourite types of plants: coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, daisies and hostas. The best bit of advice he freely gives to other gardeners is mulch, mulch, mulch. He has been active in the garden since he and his wife bought their first house in Toronto in 1985. He has lived in his current house in Whitby for 20 years and has slowly added to his gardens each year. Each spring he roams various garden centres looking for annuals to try something different in his planters and baskets. He feels that gardening is kind of like learning to tie a difficult knot; you try and try until you think you have got it only to realize you need to keep trying. Hours spent planting, trimming, dividing and weeding can be the best hours you spend each season. Satisfaction (and a cold beer) naturally follow time spent in the garden. Paul is excited to offer his modest gardening talents to BHS and looks forward to seeing members at upcoming events.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Cont'd from page 1*

Rather than "dumbing down" the information in broad newspaper articles, we can begin to share our years of experience by direct communication, with practical not theoretical solutions, getting away from those headline solutions "How To Grow The Best Tomatoes Ever" or "The 5 Best (fill in the blanks) You'll Ever Need". Let's take an hour to listen to a fascinating parade of monthly speakers or ask some of our own homegrown experts. I particularly enjoy the narrative from Ken Brown's Dallying in the Dirt as he plans, prepares, manages, suffers and enjoys his urban garden.

And if you want to know who those experts, or strengths, might be, then, starting in April, walk around the Show tables and see the level of possibility available to you, within that same group of people who have entered in that month's competition, and are checking out everyone else.

See you at the meetings and bring a neighbour or friend with you!

Hans Paats, Co-President

Upcoming BHS Meetings & Events

Wednesday Mar 27	SEEDS, MAGAZINE, BOOKS, ETC., RECYCLE Guest Speaker: Alexandra Risen Topic: "Unearthed" Speaker co-sponsored with Whitby in Bloom . Please donate a non-perishable food item.
Wednesday April 24	THE NARCISSUS SHOW Guest Speaker: Tara Nolan Topic: "Raised Bed Gardening" Speaker co-sponsored with Whitby in Bloom . Please donate a non-perishable food item.
Saturday April 27	DISTRICT 17 AGM "Muddy Boots" Hosted by Georgina-Brock Garden Club, celebrating 60th anniversary. Location: Udora Community Hall, 24 Victoria Road, Udora, ON L0C1L0 Keynote speaker: Martin Galloway – <i>"Your Garden Wakes Up For Spring"</i> Also Penny Beaudrow and Lauri Hoeg – <i>"Sacred Plants – Spiritual and Medicinal Uses"</i> Also includes flower & design show, silent auction, photo competition, luncheon, and vendors. Hospitality at 8:30am, meeting begins at 9:30am. Registration Fee \$30 in advance to BHS by March 27, or \$35 at the door. Show schedule and photo classes on Brooklin Horticultural Society website.
Saturday May 25	BHS Plant and Rainbarrel Sale Location: Grass Park, Cassels Road East, Brooklin. Time: 9:00am

RAINBARRELS TO BUY

The Brooklin Horticultural Society has partnered with Rainbarrel.ca to host a \$55 rain barrel fundraiser. Each rain barrel includes a leaf and mosquito filter basket, an overflow adaptor, a spigot, and an overflow hose. Rain barrels are \$55 each and **must be pre-ordered online** at rainbarrel.ca/brooklin. Pre-ordered rain barrels will be available for pick up on the day of the plant sale on Sat May 25. For more information, contact **Jane Austin** at janeaustin000@msn.com, or 905-668-1054.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for members who would be interested in assisting with some of our Committees:

Show Committee – assist in setting up or taking down, clerking during the shows.

Corporate Partners – October/November – contact local businesses to renew membership, sign up new corporate members. In February, help deliver yearbooks.

Open Garden Tour – We are looking for someone to coordinate our members' Open Garden Tour.

Hospitality



My sincere gratitude to those who kindly donated food items for our 2018 general meetings. Every year BHS members go beyond the call of duty to create or purchase appetizing refreshments for our hospitality table. Gardening and food is like peanut butter & jam – can't have one without the other.

This year hospitality duties will be co-chaired by Anne Keefer and me. Drop by and welcome Anne!

As in past, the **Refreshment Sign-up Sheet** will be available for you to review. Please consider signing up to bring a food item (homemade or store bought) for our general meetings. A friendly reminder phone call or email message will be provided one week in advance.

We will always have tea/coffee/water available for a small cash donation. These help to offset the cost of purchasing the condiments and dry goods required for each meeting. Please consider dropping a Loonie or Toonie into the donation box.

Your generous contributions of sweets and savories at the 2018 AGM/Social made our evening an enjoyable success. A heartfelt thank you to those who assisted in the mid-day set up including, the purchase of table centerpieces and cider, loan of crockpots, setting of the tables, and the preparation of the presentations that took place. Our donation to the Salvation Army Kettle Fund from refreshment sales was \$100.

Please be mindful that the church is a **"Peanut and Nut Free Area"**. Please remember to **"Lug a Mug"** to help defray hospitality costs as well as save our landfills.

Audrey Atkinson, Hospitality Convenor

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Barb Panowyk** on winning the “2019 Yearbook Cover and Bookmark” class. The photos were collected at the October 2018 show and judged by the BHS Board.

Barb’s photo of her Dianthus was taken on her iPhone. She also uses her digital camera and iPad to capture her subjects, always being wary about surrounding foliage and backgrounds to get that perfect image. Since joining BHS, she is always conscience of the various show classifications and hunts for unique flowers and insects. She considers taking photographs a casual and enjoyable hobby.

Sat Apr 27 2019 - D17 AGM Photo Classes

For those of you participating in the photography competition, all **photo entries to be received no later than Fri Apr 5, 2019; no late entries will be accepted. Mail entries to: Kathie Braid, 30461 Hwy 48, Pefferlaw, ON L0E 1N0. Before delivering – phone (705-437-4690) to confirm time & attendance at home.**

Rules and regulations of the competition are available on the BHS Website:

<https://www.brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com/2019-d17-agm.html>

Ph 1	Rock On	Ph 2	Shadow Play	Ph 3	Barking Up a Tree
Ph 4	Through the Garden Gate	Ph 5	Winter Interest in the Garden	Ph 6	New Awakenings
Ph 7	Birds of a Feather	Ph 8	A Perfect Beauty	Ph 9	Autumn’s Brilliance
Ph 10	Splendour in the Grass	Ph 11	Still Life	Ph 12	Muddy Boots

Other Events of Note

Sat Feb 23
10 am - 3 pm

SEEDY SATURDAY

Co-hosted by Beaverton, Cannington and Georgina-Brock Horticultural Societies at St. Paul’s Anglican Church Hall, Beaverton.

Sunday Afternoons
Feb 3 - Apr 28
2 - 3 pm

RICHTERS SEMINARS - Free Admission to various topics relating to herbs, health and gardening. Richters Herbs, 357 Durham Regional Hwy 47, Goodwood ON
For the list of seminars, please check out their website at <http://www.richters.com>.

March 8 - 17
10 am - 8/9 pm
Sun, Mar 11: 10 - 6
Sun, Mar 18: 10 - 5

CANADA BLOOMS “A Family Affair” celebrating the grandeur of the Silver Screen at the Enercare Centre Exhibition Place. Canada’s largest flower and garden festival co-located with National Home Show. See 25+ feature gardens, free seminars, workshops and presentations, speakers including **Mark Cullen, Ben Cullen, Sean James, Robert Patterson, and more.** Toronto Garden Club’s floral competition, and Garden Marketplace. Admission to both shows: \$20 (Seniors \$17 & Students \$16)- save \$3 online prior to March 8. Register online for tours and specialty workshops. <https://canadablooms.com/>

Fri April 26: 5pm-9 pm
Sat April 27: 10 am-5 pm
Sun April 28: 10 am-4 pm

PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW, “Coming Up Roses” now partnered with Fleming College. Location: Fleming Trades and Technology Centre, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough
Nearly 100 VENDORS and exhibitors who are landscapers, gardeners, growers, teachers and designers along with many not-for-profit organizations; garden displays, workshops, demonstrations and SPEAKERS; an ambitious interactive CHILDREN’S GARDEN; the latest in garden tools, and so much more. Tickets \$10 – available online or at the door. For more info visit <https://peterboroughgardenshow.com/>.

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MUSHROOM FORAYS – if you have an interest in hunting for mushrooms, the Mycological Society of Toronto holds two forays a year in the spring and fall across the GTA (including Durham Region). You must be a member of the Society to participate in a foray (annual fee is \$30.00). For further information, please go their website at <http://www.myctor.org/>.

July 22-24

Buffalo Garden Festival Tour - visit Buffalo area’s outstanding gardens and turn-of-the-century Victorian architecture. Coach tour, accomodations - please visit www.hnatravel.com for more information. Limited seats available.

Get Your 'Garden Fix' in the Winter

The winter months can be a real challenge for anyone who loves to spend time in their garden. We can certainly spend some of these cold, dark days pouring over gardening magazines, making plans for the next gardening season, or scrolling through our garden photo collections. However, there are many places to explore where you can be immersed in spaces filled with beautiful plants and flowers! During the month of January, I had the opportunity to visit two indoor botanical gardens to get my 'garden fix'!

On a bitterly cold day in early January I visited Allan Gardens in the heart of downtown Toronto. Allan Gardens is an 'Edwardian inspired' Conservatory that was founded in 1858. There are 6 interconnecting green houses making up 16,000 square feet of gorgeous botanical gardens! I caught the tail end of the Christmas Winter Show, which ran from December 2, 2018 to January 9, 2019. The focus was on beautiful poinsettias, amaryllis, cyclamen, paper whites and other beautiful holiday themed displays. The Conservatory was filled with unique specimens that caught your eye at every turn. Everything from the large palm trees and flowering brugmansia to the tiniest rare and delicate orchid can be found! Allan Gardens is a tropical paradise and it is open 365 days a year. This Conservatory is owned and operated by The City of Toronto and, best of all, it is free!



Allan Gardens



Niagara Floral Showhouse

A week later I found myself in Niagara Falls and decided to check out their conservatory. The Floral Showhouse is located just a short distance from the Falls on the Niagara Parkway. I arrived on the second last day of their Christmas show, which featured a gorgeous Christmas tree constructed of white poinsettias. There was also an abundance of colourful pink cyclamen and red poinsettias, creating a festive atmosphere. The Floral Showhouse is quite small, especially compared to Allen Gardens, which honestly did colour my impression, given that the admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for an hour of parking. But this was a small price to pay to see some incredible plants in the dead of winter! The Floral Showhouse has eight different shows scattered throughout the year, so there is always something new blooming. It also has a beautiful collection of orchids and succulents. Of special note to any BHS member who fondly recalls Cullen Gardens Miniature Village is the display outside that features many of the iconic village homes and buildings from the Whitby location, including the railroad. On the day I visited a stunning rainbow created the perfect background to these miniature homes. Well worth a visit just for the pure nostalgia! The Floral Showhouse is open seven days a week, so have a peek the next time you are in Niagara Falls.

Some other sites that I am considering over the next few months of winter are The Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington Ontario and The Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. We are so fortunate to have so many awesome choices for day trips to get our 'garden fixes' this winter!

Mary Kadey

Whitby In Bloom Speakers

Once again we are very pleased to partner with Whitby in Bloom to bring you wonderful guest speakers in 2019. Please remember to bring some non-perishable food items to these meetings. The local food banks thank the members of BHS for your generosity!



On **March 27**, we welcome guest speaker **Alexandra Risen**. Alexandra is the author of "Unearthed", a memoir about love, legacy and our interconnectedness with nature. The title of her presentation is 'How Our Connection to Plants holds the Secret to Inner Peace'. We look forward to meeting Alexandra who describes herself as "a lover of nature and a closet geologist". She lives and gardens with her husband and rescued dog 'Hunter' in Toronto. Hunter was adopted from Brooklin Pet

Centre so Alexandra looks forward to coming back to Brooklin to share her many insights!



On **April 24**, BHS is pleased to present "Raised Bed Revolution: Why Raised Beds Rule", with guest speaker **Tara Nolan**. Tara is a garden writer, editor and public speaker who is also the co-founder of an award-winning gardening website 'Savvy Gardening' (www.savvygardening.com). Ms. Nolan's work has appeared in the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, CBC Life and Garden Making. Her first book, Raised Bed Revolution: Build it, Fill it, Plant it....Garden Anywhere! was published by Cool Springs Press in 2016. Tara is also an award winning web editor of Canadian Gardening Magazine's website for 6 years running.

The Buzz about Bees and other Pollinators

It seems that everywhere you turn these days, everyone is talking about the plight of our pollinators and what we can do to help them. The amount of information can be confusing and a little overwhelming. It really is very simple. The two things that all gardeners can do to help the bees, butterflies and other beneficial bugs in their garden spaces is to provide habitat, and food. For our native pollinators, native plants, those that they have co-evolved with over thousands of years, are the best sources of food. Since pollinators need food starting in the spring right through until the end of the season, usually mid to late fall, a combination of bulbs, annuals, shrubs and trees can provide important food sources throughout the season as well as habitat for pollinators. Even if you have only a small garden space, or can only grow plants in pots, this list will give you options you can choose from that will suit your garden.

Spring: Plant early spring flowering bulbs such as **Crocus** sp., **Iris reticulata**, **Anemones**, and **Grape Hyacinths** with **Prairie Smoke** and **Virginia Bluebells**. They will give you early spring colour in the garden and provide important food sources for those early bees which are emerging from their long winter dormancy. And don't forget about annuals Pansies which are readily available in garden centres in early spring. For late spring, plant perennials like **Blue False Indigo** and **Golden Alexanders**, and if you have room for a shrub, add a native **Pussy willow**, **Serviceberry** or **Spicebush**.

Summer: This is the season of bright coloured flowers when pollinators are most active. Choose various shapes and sizes of flowers to provide food for both smaller bees as well as butterflies. Combine **Butterfly Milkweed** with **Purple Coneflowers**, **Blazing Star**, **Black-eyed Susans** and **Wild Bergamot**. Complement these with annual Zinnias, Cosmos or Nicotiana, and for an added twist plant Fennel or Dill which are larval foods for Swallowtail butterflies. For shrubs consider adding **Shrubby Cinquefoil** (*Potentilla* sp.) or **Buttonbush 'Sugar Shack'** both summer blooming native shrubs.

A note about **Coneflowers:** Not all coneflowers provide food for pollinators. The new double and highly coloured cultivars are bred for their flower size, shape or colour and are often sterile, producing little or no nectar or pollen. Try to stick with those that resemble the original coneflowers as much as possible.

Late Summer/Fall: This is the season of **Asters** and **Goldenrod** and **Joe Pye Weed**. Include **Great Blue Lobelia** and **Yellow Coneflowers** and mix with annual **Sunflowers**, **Sneezeweed** (*Helenium*) and **Sedum 'Autumn Joy'**. If you have a smaller garden, look for dwarf cultivars such as **Baby Joe Pye** or **Asters 'Lady in Black'** or **'October Skies'**. Late summer blooming **Hydrangeas** such as **Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Ruby Slippers'** or **'Snow Queen'** will provide beautiful fall colour and interest into winter as well as food for pollinators.

When it comes to supporting pollinators we only need to provide the right plants and give them a home. Plant big patches of blooming flowers if you can, disturb the soil in your garden as little as possible, leave hollow stemmed plants over winter to provide nesting places and plant a variety of plants that bloom from spring through fall.

Ingrid Janssen



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Photo A. A mixed planting of spring bulbs, early wildflowers and early flowering shrubs

Photo B. A summer pollinator border with Coneflowers, Monarda and Butterfly Milkweed

Photo C. Bees feeding on Aster flowers in October

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Birth Month Flowers - What Do They Mean?

January's birth flower is the **Carnation** which symbolizes love, fascination and that you're genuine and down-to-earth. You're loyal and have a love for your friends and family that just cannot be matched. The other **January** flower is the **Snowdrop** which symbolizes hope, *the hope that this winter will finish soon*, that new warmth will enter our life.



February's birth flower is the **Violet**, which signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know you'll always be there for them. The other **February** flower is the **Primrose**, which lets someone know you can't live without them.



March's birth flower is the **Daffodil**, which means unequalled love; the sun is always shining whenever your significant other is around. The other **March** flower is the **Jonquil**, which signifies desire for affection returned. It also is used to convey sympathy.



April's birth flower is the **Daisy** which conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. It is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the daisy means "I'll never tell". The other **April** flower is the **Sweet Pea**. Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure, but are also used to say good-bye.



May's birth flower is the **Lily of the Valley**, which signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley. The other **May** flower is the **Hawthorn Plant**, which represents hope and supreme happiness. Hawthorne signifies that you want only the best for the recipient.



June's birth flower is the **Rose**, which has more meanings than one can count! A **pink** rose means perfect happiness, while a **red** rose means "I love you". A **white** rose signifies innocence and purity, while a **yellow** rose conveys jealousy or a decrease in love. A **bouquet** of roses means sincere gratitude, whereas a single rose amplifies the meaning of the color (a single red rose means "I REALLY love you"). The other **June** flower is **Honeysuckle**, which is a strong symbol for the everlasting bonds of love.



July's birth flower is **Larkspur**. Each color variation of larkspur has a different meaning: pink means fickleness, white conveys a happy nature, and purple normally represents a first love. Generally, larkspur indicates strong bonds of love. The other **July** flower is the **Water Lily**, which signifies purity and majesty.



August's birth flower is **Gladiolus, or 'Sword Lily'**. Gladiolus represents remembrance, calm, integrity, and infatuation. With gladiolus, the recipient's heart is being "pierced with love". The other **August** flower is the **Poppy**. A **red** poppy signifies pleasure, a **white** poppy is given for consolation, and a **yellow** poppy wishes wealth and success.



September's birth flower is the **Aster**. Asters are mainly symbols of powerful love. The other **September** flower is the **Morning Glory**. Morning glories are simple symbols of affection.



October's birth flower is the pumpkin bloom. Just kidding - it's actually the **Marigold**. Marigolds are often given as a sign of warm or fierce, undying love, or as a way of saying you're content with being with the recipient. The other **October** flower is **Cosmo**, a symbol of order, peace, and serenity.



November's birth flower is the **Chrysanthemum**. A **red** chrysanthemum means "I love you"; a **white** chrysanthemum means innocence, purity, and pure love; a **yellow** chrysanthemum means slighted love.



December's birth flower is the **Narcissus** which embodies the idea that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. The other **December** flower is **Holly**, symbolizing your wish for domestic happiness.



Audrey Atkinson

2018 SHOW AWARD WINNERS

BHS Award for Highest # of Points	Ken Brown
Marg Davis Award, 2nd Highest Points	Marion Thomas
Mary Housego Award, 3rd Highest Points	Rahe Richards
Windermere Award, Highest Points in Design	Julia Noakes
Fred Daw Award, Highest Points in Vegetables	Ken Brown
Rose Bowl Award, New Exhibitor With Highest Points	Rahe Richards
Iris Trophy, Best Iris at the Iris Show	Ken Brown
Denny Peony Award, Highest Total Points in Peony Classes	Ingrid Janssen
Marg Beath Rose Award Highest Total Points in Rose Classes	Rahe Richards
Best Decorative in Annuals Show (August)	Audrey Atkinson
Photography Prize, Highest Total Points in Photography	Debi Foster



From l to r, Judi presenting to Rahe and Audrey



From l to r, Judi presenting to Julia and Marion



From l to r, Judi presenting to Debi and Ingrid

LET'S SHOW!

Tips to prepare for our first show, the Narcissus Show, on Apr 24:

1. Do not show foliage with narcissus
2. Types of narcissus include (also shown in show schedule for April Narcissus Show)
 - Trumpet** - cup is as long as or longer than petals
 - Large Cupped** - cup is more than 1/3 of, but less than or equal to the length of petals
 - Small Cupped** - no more than 1/3 length of petals
3. The classes are OPEN, so you can enter two different cultivars in a class.
4. Please check before bringing in your entries that the specimen is LESS than the maximize size specified - when the show schedule says UNDER 30" we mean it! Your entry will not be judged if it doesn't meet the requirement.
5. Groom, Groom, Groom!

Above all, have FUN!

Your entries must be on the tables no later than 7:15pm.

New to 2019 Show Schedule

- a. We now have a show at our November AGM. We have created two holiday inspired classes - a design and a pick and plunk. And guess what -YOU ARE THE JUDGE!
- b. We've added a new culinary class in our October Pumpkins, Pies and Pictures. Not all of us can make that perfect pie crust so we've given you a class where you can make a dessert of choice using seasonal fruit.
- c. We've also reformatted the Flower Show Rules and the Preparation of Entries for Exhibiting sections by using bulleted points to make it easier to read and follow.

About the BHS Newsletter

The BHS Newsletter team has grown! Welcome **Audrey Atkinson** and **Mary Kadey**. Neither of them is new to BHS readers as both have already contributed articles in past issues. Read in this issue, Audrey's article on birth flowers and their meanings and find out how Mary gets her 'garden fix' during the cold snowy winter.

This newsletter is published quarterly - February, May, August and October. **All photos courtesy of BHS members.** You are invited to submit articles, questions and comments about the newsletter to the **Editors: Leslie Tate** at 905-665-0486, ltate@rogers.com, **Barb Panowyk** at 905-430-2939, bpanowyk@rogers.com, **Sherry Howard** at 905-668-7640, howard21@rogers.com, **Audrey Atkinson** at 905-666-2178, audreyatkinson487@gmail.com, **Mary Kadey** at 416-388-0065, memkadey@gmail.com