



Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club 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

Celebrating 100 Years

Although we had to wait 101 years (plus a rain delay), we finally were able to celebrate the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club's (BWGC) 100th Anniversary on September 28th, in conjunction with our monthly meeting. The original plan was to host the event at the Brooklin Horticultural Society gardens at Carnwith Dr and Montgomery Ave in Brooklin, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. Ahh the best laid plans.

BWGC President Hans Paats started the celebration with a brief history of the club followed by a presentation to our BWGC Garden Heroes of 2022, Don and Aldine Wick. We were pleased that the Mayor of Whitby, Don Mitchell, as well as many of BWGC's past Presidents, were able to join us for the celebration and a group photo. After past president Gordon Wick performed the ceremonial cake cutting we continued with our monthly meeting followed by refreshments and a lovely Anniversary cake.

Colleen Quimet



Current and Past Presidents. Front row left to right: Faye Collins, Jan Vallance, Judi Denny, Jone Webster. Back row left to right: Fred Haggerty, Ken Brown, Hans Paats (current president), Gordon Wick.

President's Message



It's the season of opportunity to reassess and renew, with Municipal voting throughout Ontario last month, mid-term elections in the United States this month, and our own Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club (BWGC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 23rd of November. Board Executive and Directors will be voted into office for the 2023 season.

On the agenda for the AGM is a proposed Constitutional change, one that modifies the description of the term "meeting" to include on-line conferencing, either through a common conference video and audio sharing platform such as ZOOM or Webex, or by simple telephone conferencing. Full details of this proposed revision were mailed to you in early October.

As the demands from the gardens moderate this time of year, there are needs for help with Board responsibilities. It's time to develop the budget for 2023, and the yearbook and bookmarks for the first meeting in February. Planning will soon be underway for the 2024 season of speakers and their topics as 2023 is already set in place. The drive for our General Membership begins with the AGM, and our Corporate Support program has just begun.

This year, one of our goals is to take the documents and records we have collected over 101 years, and put them into a viable reference library archive, allowing simple reconstruction of our history for those interested in BWGC over the next 100 years.

Our Civic Beautification mandate for many years has begun with the Brooklin Horticultural Society Gardens, and now includes Park of Reflection and the Station Gallery. These locations bring forth the pleasure of gardening, including the satisfaction of enjoying the results, and the pleasure of doing so with others.

There is much to be done, to be managed, and to pursue going forward. We have so many opportunities we could execute, but it can't be done with just a few. This is your group, and the group needs you to participate, as you can and how you can. It could easily be the best garden club in Durham, with the most to offer for you, and with you!

Hans Paats

Annual General Meeting And Social

Wed Nov 23
St Thomas Anglican Church
101 Winchester Rd E.
6:30pm

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club is where we will have an opportunity to summarize the 2022 season, review the financial status of the club and elect a new board of directors. It is important that all members of our club participate and confirm the direction for 2023. Membership registration for next year will be available. If you're interested in the future of the club, or have ideas about the next few years, please consider becoming a board member. Send Hans Paats an email or give him a call if you're interested.

This evening our Show Committee will present our Show Awards and distribute the show exhibitor cash prizes.

This meeting is also our annual dessert potluck social. You are invited to bring a dessert or other snacks, such as a cheese, vegetable or fruit tray for the buffet table.

Join us for the closing social event of 2022. Please note the location and time change.

Harvest Festival



*Above: Jane Austin and Margaret McGibney;
Below: Durham Master Gardener, Jennifer
Murphy*

Last held in 2019, the Harvest Festival returned on Sept 17 to main street Brooklin. The weather was perfect. The street and park were filled to overflowing with people, carriages and dogs. There was something for everyone. The dinosaurs, in particular, were a great hit with the children.

Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club set up our tent and tables in front of Home Hardware. Volunteers brought in beautiful planters to decorate. 'Ask A Master Gardener' was a hit as always. Lots of friendly faces stopped by. We also had a trifold information brochure to hand out with the membership form on the back. Colourful pinwheels were given away to young and old alike.

The event was well planned and executed by the Town of Whitby. The police estimated 7800 to 8000 were in attendance!

Jane Austin

Celebrating 100 Years - continued



Brooklin Horticultural Society Park

Overall, I proclaim this was a very successful and rewarding year in the BHS Garden.

A wonderful highlight was that we attracted **FOUR NEW VOLUNTEERS** this year. Welcome ... to BHS members **Monique and Kaitlyn**, and to community members **Fatimah and Daniela**. Many, many thanks go out to our stalwart volunteers **Istvan, Deanna, Pat, Katye, Gwyn and Faye**. We piled up **over 350 hours** of work in the Garden - that's 100 hours more than last year!!!

Jill and Mike from the Town of Whitby continued to do a great job of supporting us through their work to get us another new water source, this time closer to the main garden. This is a terrific help to support our new and existing annuals and perennials and also aid our TLC efforts to encourage the trees within the park. There are still more projects to undertake, so we will continue to rely on their help - **MUCH APPRECIATED!!**

The entrance Arbour at the Park was sandblasted and re-painted this year, and it looks great. This project delayed our planting of the entrance gardens till August when we managed to plant a few new perennials and some annuals. We will have to complete that job next Spring.

Still, we roared into the Garden May 7 and carried on right through to October 22. A brilliant display of annuals shone in the centre garden, some of those plants coming back from seed from last year's display.

Once again, every time we worked in the Garden, we were rewarded with comments of appreciation for our efforts from the Community members passing through the Park. It's really nice to know that our hard work is truly enjoyed by the Community.

We had a great time together, learning, laughing and, best of all, gardening together. **Make a point of visiting the BHS Garden in 2023.** And we would really be delighted if you joined our Volunteer group, whether once in a while or every week - "many hands lighten the load".

SEE YOU IN THE GARDEN!!!!

Brian Gower



BWGC Members' Gardens Tours

Our season of members' gardens tours continued into Sept with tours on Aug 28 and Sept 18. A great big thank you to Teresa Blair, Patricia Evans, Rahe Richards, Lisa Ruck, Wilma Van Berkel, Ken Brown, Brian Gower and Sherry Howard !! Thank you also to the members who visited the gardens, rain or shine. The gardens from the June 26 and July 24 tours were featured in the Aug newsletter should you be looking for more inspiration. Enjoy the sample of photos from the Aug and Sept tours.



Wounded Warriors Park of Reflection

The Park of Reflection team ended the season on October 12, 2022. We had a great time planting, weeding and tending to the gardens! The red shrub roses that we planted in the Spring are thriving and they are a nice complement to the established white roses and cream day lilies. BWGC member Jane Austin donated a longer hose making it easier to keep the gardens well watered this season. ... thank you Jane!

Many visitors to the gardens stopped and thanked us for our volunteer commitment to keep the Park of Reflection looking so beautiful and we were proud to showcase the gardens on the Whitby in Blooms tour this summer.

The Town of Whitby helps to maintain some of the gardens surrounding the Park of Reflection and their crews tidied up a weed-filled juniper bed at the base of the park and they trimmed all of the dogwood shrubs encircling the formal gardens - everything is in great shape for the next growing season.

The memorial red maple tree that was planted by the Tate Family in honour of Leslie Tate is not growing very well and the team discovered that there are deep cracks in the trunk of the tree and some insects are nesting there. The Tate family will be notified and the Town of Whitby will be contacted to determine if it can be replaced.

Many thanks to the Park of Reflection team members: Barb Panowyk, Helen Read, Emmie Beer, Marion Thomas, Paul Cloutier and Mary Thompson. We enjoyed our final day in the gardens with a coffee, while strategizing for next year.

ah Richards



Left to Right: Barb Panowyk, Helen Read, Rahe Richards, Emmie Beer, and Mary Thompson enjoying an end of season cleanup; fall colours in the gardens from the sedum, grasses and roses

Happy 100 Years

Congratulations to Anna Spencely!!!!

Anna's beautiful table segment for the design class titled '100th Anniversary Dinner' was **awarded first place** at the September Autumn show. This design class was created as a nod to BWGC's 100th anniversary. Anna's design also ended up winning **Best In Show** for design.



The Station Gallery Project

We are happy to announce that the Station Gallery is now a corporate sponsor of the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club. Be sure to visit their website to see what's on display. The exhibitions change often, and admission is free.

The Station Gallery volunteer group were busy in September planning and planting the fall planters at the front door of the art gallery, on Victoria Street in Whitby. The plants were selected by Mary Thompson and generously donated to the gallery by Vandermeer Garden Centre. In mid-September Mary was joined by Helen Ecker, Lidia Abbott, and Marion Thomas to create four large plantings featuring 3 foot tall purple millet surrounded by white and yellow chrysanthemums, flowering cabbage, deep red celosia, and ornamental peppers in shades of red, purple and orange. The planters provided a colourful welcome to visitors attending the gallery's annual fundraising event on September 27th. By then the mums had bloomed and were brightening up the entrance. Looking in on the deck planters that the group planted in the spring showed that they were flourishing as well.

By the end of October, the summer planters will be emptied and set aside by our group, waiting for our imaginations to plan next year's creative endeavours. If you would like to participate in this volunteer group next year, please email Mary Thompson at secretarybwgc@gmail.com.

Mary Thompson



Left to Right: Marion Thomas, Lidia Abbott, Mary Thompson, Helen Ecker

Nothing Gold Can Stay

BY ROBERT FROST

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*



With our final issue of the 2022 BWGC newsletter, we say goodbye to another great year of gardening and meetings, but only for a few months. Until then, take nature's cue and use the winter months to rest, relax and recharge for the gardening season ahead. The seeds of tomorrow's gardens are but a dream away.

*Our gardens slumber soundly
Tucked up in blankets of snow
Dreaming of the sun's warm breath
To awaken a fresh floral show.
True, nothing gold can stay
But new gold's a sleep away.*

Mary Kadey

Autumn Show



Autumn and Year of the Garden

Did you grow some beautiful red blooms in celebration of the 'The Year of the Garden' this year? The Canadian Garden Council proclaimed 2022 to be 'The Year of the Garden' and they encouraged everyone to grow some beautiful red flowers or foliage to show your Canadian pride!

If you follow The Year of the Garden on social media platforms you will have noticed that they have shared some excellent tips and information for fall gardening. Some of the topics include beautiful destinations for Autumn Road Trips on 'Canada's Garden Route', tips on extending the growing season, and fall planting suggestions and an 'October Checklist' to prepare gardens for Canadian winters. You can access these and many other excellent posts simply by searching 'The Year of the Garden 2022'!

Some of our BWGC members shared these beautiful red blooms....enjoy!



Marion Thomas grew red vegetables!

Barb Panowyk



L to R: Audrey Atkinson's unnamed peony, Joyce Marsh's begonia and sweet potato vine planter, Sherry Howard's new Oso Easy Double red rose shrub, Lynda Chapman's red begonia, coleus and Lysimachia planter

Floral Workshop at Court At Brooklin

The residents of the Court At Brooklin enjoyed a floral workshop led by BWGC members Audrey Atkinson, Debi Foster, Eileen Humphries and Sherry Howard. Each resident was provided with some inspiration and help to create their own pick and plunk to enjoy in their room. Thank you to all the BWGC members who donated their entries from the Autumn Show held the previous evening. There was not a single bloom wasted as the participants filled vases donated by Judi Denny and Audrey Atkinson.



Thank you to BWGC members Debi Foster, Sherry Howard, Eileen Humphries, Audrey Atkinson, (bottom right) for a blooming great day!

2022 Show Results

April Narcissus Show

Best Narcissus - Barb Borchuk
 Best Specimen (Other) - Ken Brown
 Best Branch - Rahe Richards
 Best Container Plant - Istvan Juhasz
 Best Design - Sherry Howard
 Best Special Exhibit - Barb Borchuk
 Best cutting/seedling - Barb Panowyk
 Best Photo - Mary Kadey

May Spring Show

Best Tulip - Ingrid Janssen
 Best Specimen (Other) - Rahe Richards
 Best Branch - Ingrid Janssen
 Best Container Plant - Rahe Richards
 Best Vegetable - Marion Thomas
 Best Design - NA
 Best Special Exhibit - Marion Thomas
 Best Photo - Teresa Jewitt

June Iris & Peony Show

Best Iris - Ingrid Janssen
 Best Peony - Ingrid Janssen
 Best Specimen (Other) - Marlene Newans
 Best Design - Debi Foster
 Best Special Exhibit - Teresa Jewitt
 Best Photo - Teresa Jewitt

June Rose Show

Best Rose - Ken Brown
 Best Specimen (Other) - Barb Borchuk
 Best Branch - Valerie Skinner
 Best Fruit/Vegetable - Ken Brown
 Best Design - Valerie Skinner
 Best Special Exhibit - Marlene Newans



August Annuals Show

Best Specimen - Lynda Chapman
 Best Branch - Sherry Howard
 Best Fruit/Vegetable- Lynda Chapman
 Best Collection - Debi Foster
 Best Design - Debi Foster
 Best Special Exhibit - Teresa Jewitt

September Autumn Show

Best Specimen - Marlene Newans
 Best Branch - Marlene Newans
 Best Fruit/Vegetable - Ingrid Janssen
 Best Collection - Sherry Howard
 Best Design - Anna Spencely
 Best Special Exhibit - Teresa Jewitt

October PP&P Show

Best Apple Pie - Esther Clodd
 Best Pumpkin Pie - Esther Clodd
 Best Preserve (savory) - Marion Newans
 Best Preserve (sweet) - Marion Newans
 Best Decorated Pumpkin - Debi Foster
 Best Carved Pumpkin - Heather Stephenson
 Best Specimen - Sherry Howard
 Best Design - Sherry Howard
 Best Special Exhibit - Teresa Jewitt
 Best Photo - Lisa Ruck



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