

**GARDEN CLUB OF NIAGARA NEWSLETTER**  
**September 26th, 2016**

*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Summer seems to have rushed by and it is time to gear up for Garden Club activities! Your executive has already met and many of our activities are planned and underway! An exciting year is ready to go. I'm thrilled to be your president and hope you enjoy what has been organized for you.

I want to thank everyone for their generous help and support when we hosted the Annual General Meeting in June. It was very successful and we received appreciative letters, emails and comments. Thanks to all of you who: helped plan it, created gorgeous floral designs, provided succulents, created the gifts, set up and tidied up after, those who sold tickets....so many ladies involved! Garden Club of Niagara sure knows how to pull together and put on a wonderful meeting!

Rooted in the Garden will be the first activity. On September 10, there will be nineteen designs plus some miniatures provided by our talented ladies that will enhance the art show at the Niagara School of Horticulture. This project is a great way for us to show the public what we can do and also provides a wonderful opportunity to work with the School of Horticulture.

Our first meeting will be September 26, 2016 and promises to be very exciting. The day will start with a workshop for those signed up. We really want to get the meeting started on time at 1:00 p.m. so we are asking that you arrive early...12:15p.m. Please have your membership fee of **\$40.00 in exact bills** in an envelope with your name marked on it. If using a cheque, please have it made out to Garden Club of Niagara prior to arrival. If we all do this, the process to pay your dues will go quickly and efficiently. **We need everyone sitting by 12:50 p.m.** so that we can start on time. There will be some reserved seats at the front for the celebrants. Don't miss this meeting as we celebrate twenty years!

Respectfully submitted by Lindy Fedchun

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***UPCOMING MEETINGS***

Monday, **September 26th**, 1:00pm

Programme: **A 20th Anniversary Celebration !**

**Remember to** : wear your name tag, bring a coffee mug and your parking pass and check out Garden Club of Niagara on [gardenclubsofontario.ca](http://gardenclubsofontario.ca) for updates.

Monday, **October 24th**, 1:00pm

Programme: **"Inspired by the Journey" Fall Flower Show**

## ***Garden Club of Niagara Executive 2016 - 2017***

President - Lindy Fedchun  
Vice President - Diane Turner  
Past President - jacquie MacInnes  
Secretary - Diane Hemmings  
Treasurer - Lynn Walton  
Ways and Means - Francine Williams  
Newsletter - Diane Hockey  
McFarland House and Kitchen Garden - Anna Holloway and Kathy Humphries  
Correspondence - Sharon Roden  
Programme - Ruth Boulton  
Workshops - Lillie Haworth, assisted by Barbara Bedell  
Social - Hilary Ainslie, Carol Williams, Norma de Meel (on call - Nina McCutcheon)  
Flower Show - Ann Meuris, Diane Hockey, Kit Thompson  
Membership - Marilyn Rickard  
Archives - Barbara Bedell

### ***Membership*** - Marilyn Rickard

As I write the GCN currently has 90 members with 4 applicants waiting to join. If anyone is thinking of moving to be a sustaining member or leaving our Club, please let me know as soon as possible in writing.

Membership dues will be collected on September 26 at our first meeting of the Season. (Or you can mail them to me in advance). I will be at Niagara School of Hort by 12:15 for those who arrive early.

As we have a busy schedule for that meeting would you please bring your membership dues of \$40.00 in the form of cheque or cash.

In order to speed up the process, if you are bringing a cheque please have it written out beforehand payable to the GARDEN CLUB OF NIAGARA for \$40.00 (\$50 if you are a sustaining member),

and if you are **paying by cash would you please bring the exact amount in an envelope with your name on the outside to** give to me before the meeting.

You will recognize that I am trying to save everyone time so that we can get the meeting started on schedule.

I appreciate your help with this process and don't forget to pickup your new parking pass at the same table!

Looking forward to seeing you all again and the Executive have a great year planned for you all to enjoy.

## ***ROOTED IN THE GARDEN - September 10th - Ruth Boulton***

An exciting event which is being well supported by our Garden Club. All six themes have wonderful designs promised. We have included a display of miniature designs as well. This event is on September 10 from 10:00 until 5:00 and is free to the public. There will be the chance to purchase plants from the Master Gardeners, view paintings by the Niagara Parkway Guild as well as enjoy the designs created by our club members. This could also be the perfect time to wander through the grounds at the N P School of Horticulture or visit the Butterfly Conservatory.

If you are receiving this email online you will find more details about the day, provided by Niagara Parks, at the end of the newsletter .

### ***Workshops***

Our first Floral Workshop of the Fall is a Pave design and will start at 10am on our meeting day, September 26th. Information has gone out to those who registered at the June meeting. If you have registered and find you are unable to attend please let me know. There may be a couple of spots open so if you did not register and are interested in attending please be in touch. A list of materials, sample designs and other information will be send. Cost \$10.00

As October is our Flower Show there will not be a Workshop. Plans are under way for a Christmas themed workshop in November and possibly another in December.

Any questions: Lillie Haworth 905 945 2433 [ljhaworth@sympatico.ca](mailto:ljhaworth@sympatico.ca)

### ***McFarland House Gardens***

The communities in bloom visited the McFarland kitchen garden in July. Please see the wonderful photo, after the Flower Show schedule, of Anna Holloway and Kathy Humphries, our two garden chairs, and curator Rebecca Pascoe.

### ***Garden Club of Niagara Fall Flower Show - Diane Hockey & Ann Meuris***

The fall flower show schedule, "Inspired by the Journey", asks you to think back over the summer and remember the places you came cross in your travels whether close to home or afar. If you are able to make only 1 entry either to the Horticulture section or the Design section that will make the show stronger and better. Please give some serious thought to placing an entry even if you never have before. It's a fun way to get to know more people and increase your understanding of what Flower Shows are all about.

# *Inspired by the Journey*

**Garden Club of Niagara Fall Flower Show**

**October 24th, 2016**

**at**

**Niagara Parks School of Horticulture,  
2565 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls, ON**

## **General Rules for All Exhibitors**

1. Classes are open to all members of the Garden Club of Niagara.
2. Entries will be received from **11:30am till 12:25 pm** at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture , October 24, 2016. Please do not arrive before 11:30 am as we will be setting up and the room will be closed till 11:30am. Judging will begin promptly at 12:30pm.
3. In the Design section, plant material must predominate over other components of the exhibit. Plant material may be from any source. The use of artificial material is forbidden. Space allowed is 24 inches wide by 30 inches deep and unlimited height for classes 1 and 5. Space allowed is 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep and unlimited height for classes 2 and 4. Designs will be staged on tables. Class 3 will be displayed in acrylic frames at eye level.
4. Entrants may enter any number of classes in the **Design** section but may only submit one entry per class.
5. Entrants may enter any number of classes in the **Horticulture** section and may place two entries of different cultivars/varieties in each class.  
All exhibits in the Horticultural section must have been grown by the exhibitor for three months prior to the show and should be named if possible for education purposes .
6. Exhibitors must provide their own containers for all exhibits.
7. The standard for judging: Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design (2003)

For clarification of the schedule and to register for a Design class: Contact Ann Meuris 905-468-9327 or [ameuris@cogeco.ca](mailto:ameuris@cogeco.ca)

Show Chairs: Diane Hockey and Ann Meuris

**Awards** First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded; Honorable mention at Judge's discretion. **Design:** Best in Show - Phylis Patrick Award  
**Horticulture** - Best in Show - Millie LeGrow Award

## **Design:**

- Class 1      “ **Tranquillity** ” – a design    - Limited to 5 entries  
                  ( Design judges may not enter this class )
- Class 2      “ **The Unexpected** ” - a design    - Limited to 4 entries
- Class 3      “ **Hidden Gem** ” – a miniature design (fresh)    - Limited to 5 entries
- Class 4      “**Rugged** ” – a design    - Limited to 4 entries
- Class 5      “ **Hot, Hot, Hot !** “ - a design    - Limited to 5 entries

## **Horticulture:**

- Class 6      Coleus - 1 stem
- Class 7      Dahlia - one bloom
- Class 8      Any other Annual - 3 stems
- Class 9      Any other perennial- one stem, spike or spray
- Class 10     Collection of fall foliage 3 - 5 different cultivars
- Class 11     Collection of garden flowers - to include five to seven different cultivars  
shown in one container
- Class 12     Ornamental grass seed heads, 3 stems not to exceed 36”

Schedule by Diane Hockey and Ann Meuris



Master Gardeners of Niagara



# PLANT SALE

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**  
**9am - noon**

**Vineland Research Station**  
**QEW & Victoria Avenue**

## **Perennials** **Bulbs**

(cash only please)

~ garden tool sharpening for a donation ~

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**Garden questions hotline - 905 646 2818**



## Botanical Gardens “Rooted in the Garden” Sept 10th



“Celebrating 80  
Years of Growth”



### Community Partners Show Case

- Parkway Artist Guild *Art Show*
- Garden Club of Niagara *Floral Show*
- Landscape Ontario Golden Horseshoe Industry *Trade Show*
- Horticultural Community *Showcase*
- NPC School of Horticulture Alumni Association *Education Conference*
- Master Gardeners of Niagara *Plant Sale and Plant Help Desk*

### Public Programing

- Butterfly Conservatory *Monarch Release* Program

### Public Dining Experiences

- Butterfly Café *Garden Menu*
- NPC Chefs in the Garden  
*“Nuit Vert Dinner”*

*Keep looking - there's one more page !*



## Botanical Gardens “Rooted in the Garden” Sept 10th

**9 am until 4:30 pm** Alumni Association *Education Conference (Alumni Registration)*

**10 am until 5 pm** **Community Partners Show Case (all visitors free of charge)**

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- Garden Club of Niagara *Floral Show*
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**10 am until 4 pm** **Public Programing**

- Butterfly Conservatory *Monarch Release* Program
- Garden Tours
- Butterfly Café *Garden Menu*

**5:30 until 9 pm** **By Registration Only (all visitors / guest welcome)**

*“Nuit Vert”* Dining experience under the trees

