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The Newsletter of the Beaverton Garden Club (est. 1922)



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Members and Associate Members of the Beaverton Garden Club:

Happy April! My goodness we are certainly getting more than our fair share of rain. Hopefully this will set the stage for wonderful and bountiful surprises through the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons. There are lots of events and activities happening in our community, and across the province, this Spring. We have included some information about Earth Day, the 50th Anniversary of the Beaverton Thorah Elgin Historical Society and a Free Plant Giveaway at Parklane Landscapes.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April 23rd meeting when we will be welcoming guest speaker Anna Mizyn. Anna will be bringing plants from her nursery for purchase at the meeting. Membership cards and receipts for paid members will be available at this meeting. You will also be able to renew your membership or join for the first time at the meeting. You are encouraged to bring a friend or partner to hear Anna speak.

We will be holding our Annual Plant Sale on May 23rd, 9am to 11am (or sell out) at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Beaverton. We are counting on members to participate through the donation of plants, seeds, seedlings and garden items. We will also need volunteers to help with set up on Friday and the sale on Saturday. If you would like to volunteer at the sale, or if you need help starting seeds or potting up plants please let us know at our email beavertonhorticultural@gmail.com.

On May 28 we will be holding a Grape Vine Obelisk Workshop. Pre-registration is required. You will be able to make either a large (garden type obelisk) or a small (planter sized obelisk). Examples will be available at the April meeting. Registration is now open on the website at beavertonhorticultural.com. For the first time in many years the Beaverton Garden Club will be providing “premiums” to members for their gardens. These will be available for member pick up at the May meeting.

There are many opportunities for members to contribute as we encourage the use of eco-friendly horticultural practices to promote the production of food, beautification of our community, and conservation of our environment. Please consider how you might be able to help our club continue to make a meaningful impact in our community.



Beaverton Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026 7:30 pm

Rock Gardening A to Z Anna Mizyn, Owner of Anna's Perennials



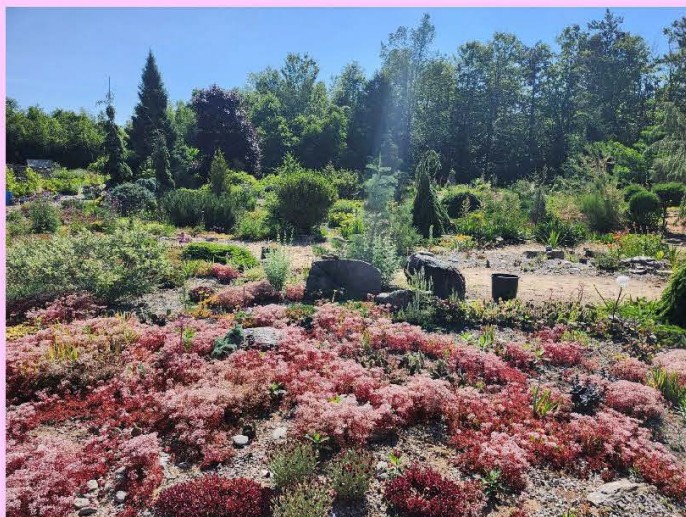
No dig gardening
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Anna will have plants from her nursery available for purchase at the meeting.



Beaverton Garden Club is thrilled to welcome Anna Mizyn, Owner of Anna's Perennials in Lindsay to share her expertise in rock gardening. Anna's nursery rock gardens demonstrate the infinite possibilities achievable with unique plants and imagination.



We meet at:
St. Paul's Anglican Church
383 Osborne Street, Beaverton
Everyone is welcome!
Light refreshments will be provided. Join us for social time. Doors open at 7pm.
Contact: Judy Mitchell-Wilson
705-323-0099



Mark your calendar for the District 17 Annual General Meeting April 25, 2026 at Club Carib of Oshawa, 600 Wentworth St. East, Oshawa. 9am to 12:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a flower show, listen to guest speaker Eric Yuinman, who will be sharing information about the app "Gardenize" for cataloguing gardens and much more. There will be morning refreshments, but NO lunch. Registration is Required - fee \$5.00/person To register contact Judy Mitchell-Wilson (705-323-0099) or Ainsley Gillespie beavertonhorticultural@gmail.com



Beaverton Garden Club Plant Sale May 23, 2026

The Beaverton Garden Club Plant Sale will be held at 9am on Saturday May 23, 2026 at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

We encourage as many members as possible to contribute to this sale to make it a success. As always, we look forward to receiving donations of perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings, herbs and shrubs, garden artifacts and tools that may be of interested to gardeners. Donations may be delivered on Friday May 22 from 5pm to 7pm.

To reduce the possibility of sharing dangerously invasive jumping worms we ask that plants from your garden have as much soil removed as possible and be planted in clean pots with new soil. Beaverton Garden Club will provide free potting soil for you to use. We also have a large number of pots (all sizes) available for planting your donations. Contact Ainsley Gillespie to make arrangements for pick up or delivery of pots or soil. 705-955-9371 or email beavertonhorticultural@gmail.com

While perennials are always welcome, we would encourage our membership to grow and prepare as many vegetable and annual seedlings as possible to sell at our sale. Many people are growing their own vegetables using all types of containers and gardens. It is always helpful to focus on heritage varieties that our local garden centers don't normally carry. There was a lot of interest in annual vegetables, herbs and pollinator friendly annual flowers last year.



**Beaverton Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale
Saturday May 23, 2026
9 am to 11am
Everyone Welcome!
St. Paul's Anglican Church
383 Osborne St. Beaverton**



**Plant sale will include a wide variety of perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, seedlings, garden related items and more.
Cash, Cheque, e-transfer accepted
Hope to see you there!
For more information call:
705-323-0099**



Free “Premium” For Members

In the past, members of the Beaverton Horticultural Society received a “premium” (gift to promote membership) each Spring. Premiums were usually seedlings or plants that members could use to jump start their gardens for the year. The Beaverton Garden Club is pleased to resume this tradition in 2026. Members will each receive two native plants grown by Michelle O’Brien, Forest View Native Plants, 19 McNabb (McRae) St., Cannington.

Club premiums will be available for pick up at the May 28th meeting.



Veronicastrum virginicum -Culver's Root



Aquilegia canadensis – Red Columbine

Earth Day

**SPRING CLEAN
for Earth Day**



**Let's give our parks, roadsides, trails
and community spaces a spring cleaning!**

Please lend a hand

Brock Township is generously offering garbage bags at
all three local libraries to help with the
Earth Day clean up.



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It serves as a reminder of our responsibility to safeguard our planet for future generations. Join us locally and help spring clean in our community. The Township of Brock is offering garbage bags at all three local libraries to anyone wishing to help with the Earth Day clean up.

Take a friend and pick a spot that needs a good clean up – ditch, roadside, park, trail wherever you see the need! Our earth will thank you!



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Presented by



Featuring Special Guest Speaker

Mark Cullen

and a Special Talk by



*Let's Talk Climate:
What are the risks,
and what can you do?*

by Betty Plewes



Celebrate Earth Day with us as renowned horticulturalist and author Mark Cullen shares his passion for the natural world.

Through reflections on two inspiring books —*The Light Enters* and *Our Green Heart*— Mark will explore the beauty, resilience, and wonder of the landscapes that sustain us.

An engaging presentation for gardeners, nature lovers, and anyone who cares about our green future.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 24, 2026

7:00 - 8:30 pm via WebEx

No Registration Required





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WebEx Login Details

Friday, April 24, 2026
7:00 PM | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
Sign In at: 6:40 pm

No Registration Required - This event will be first-come, first-serve and open to the first 1000 individuals logged on to the WebEx Account

Join from the meeting link

<https://gardenontario.webex.com/gardenontario/j.php?MTID=m02933c0ef105afffa2b052e5fc461151>

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Meeting number (access code): 2864 762 1710
Meeting password: GJamcBPJ282

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

1-844-426-4405,,28647621710## Canada Toll Free
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Join by phone

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You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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CANNINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MUSHROOMS

Wild & Wonderful



Julia & John
TCHEROVA CASWELL

April 27 7:30pm

Learn the art & science of mushroom foraging. The fascinating world of fungi that form vast "wood wide web" networks supporting plant & animal life, produce medicines & help to restore damaged environments.

Plus: April Flower Show-entries in place by 7pm
all welcome

Cannington Baptist Church, 60 Cameron St. W.
www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org
[learn.grow.enjoy](http://www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org)

Join us for an interesting evening on the topic of 'Mushrooms - Wild & Wonderful' with Julia Tchervova and John Caswell.

Mushrooms are far more than just food. They are ecological engineers, chemical innovators, and one of the most misunderstood kingdoms of life. Let's explore their hidden world together. John and Julia would like to share not only the art and science of mushroom foraging, but also the fascinating world of fungi — organisms that form vast "wood wide web" networks, support plant

and animal life, produce powerful medicines, and even help restore damaged environments.

Come Join Us!




Be part of the **FUN** this summer in Oshawa!

Please check www.gardenontario.org for details

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
2026 ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION
Hosts: Districts 4 & 17



JULY 24-26, 2026





PLANT PICKUP DATE
Saturday, May 30th 2026,
11 am - 3 pm
250 Matchedash Street South, Orillia



FREE EVENT
Rain Garden Presentation at
12:00pm
Protect Your Shoreline Presentation
1:30pm
Nature Activities for All Ages

Scan here to register for your 10
free plants



Rain or shine event!





Tues May 26 at 7pm

Beacan Presbyterian Church

\$20 at REMAX Beaverton or Eventbrite

Presented by Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society

WE LEND A HAND

The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes



WATCH THE TRAILER



WWW.WELENDAHAND.CA

A documentary that tells the extraordinary story of 40,000 teenage girls who volunteered on Canadian farms and helped win the Second World War - they showed that SERVICE COMES IN MANY FORMS.

ALBIREO FILMS

EVENT & TICKET INFO



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Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society Presents:



Date:

May 26

Venue:

Beacan Beaverton Church

Address:

413 Simcoe St, Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0

Time:

Doors 30 min before - 7:00 PM



Plant Auction

Monday, May 11

Everyone Welcome



Pefferlaw Lions Hall
38 Pete's Lane

Plant Viewing starts
at 6:30 pm
Auction Begins

Payment by cash,
cheque or e-transfer.
Bid card \$2.00

Join in the fun
with Auctioneer
Kevin McGuckin.
Great Selection:
Perennials
Annuals
Herbs
Veggies
and



Sharing the Beauty

CANNINGTON
HORTICULTURAL
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2026
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Beaverton Garden Club 2026 Program Meetings:
 St. Paul's Anglican Church
 383 Osborne St. @ 7:30 pm



March 26, 2026

Meeting, Speaker and 2026 Membership Drive
 Guest Speaker: Sherry Dodson, Durham Master Gardeners
 Topic: **"Vegetable Gardening in Containers"**
 From early Spring to late Fall, it is possible to successfully grow and harvest fresh food. A lack of space doesn't mean you can't grow your own vegetables.

April 23, 2026

Meeting and Speaker
 Guest Speaker: Anna Mizyn, Owner of Anna's Perennials in Lindsay
 Topic: **Rock Gardening A to Z**
 This presentation will focus on the wide variety of plants suitable for rock gardening. Anna is an experienced gardener who will share her love of gardening, succulents and much more in what is sure to be a great presentation.

May 23, 2026

Annual Plant Sale
 9am to 11am or sell out
 St. Paul's Anglican Church, 383 Osborne St., Beaverton

May 28, 2026

Meeting, Speaker and Design Workshop
 Coordinators: Judy Mitchell-Wilson, Ainsley Gillespie
 Topic: **Grape Vine Obelisk Workshop**
 Pre-registration required. Members free. Non-members: \$20

June 25, 2026

Meeting, Speaker and Flower Design Workshop
 Coordinators: Ildi Connor, Judy Mitchell-Wilson, Ainsley Gillespie
 Topic: **Create Your Own Summer Arrangement**
 Speakers will share tips on growing and caring for annual and perennial flowers, greenery and shrubs suitable for flower arranging. Members will create an arrangement using seasonal flowers and greenery. Pre-registration required. Members free.

September 24, 2026

Meeting and Speaker
 Guest Speaker: David Hawke
 Topic: **Eco-Anxiety: Nature is the Cure**
 Enjoy the web of life that surrounds us, see nature differently!

October 22, 2026

Meeting and Speaker
 Guest Speakers: Durham Master Gardeners
 Topic: **Creating Winter Interest in Your Garden**
 Make your garden look great in all seasons. Learn about specific plants and trees to use for winter interest.

November 12, 2026 at 5pm

AGM and Wreath Making Workshop
 AGM followed by social time to enjoy finger foods, dessert and a wreath making workshop. Pre-registration required for wreath workshop.
Additional activities such as the President's Summer BBQ, Commemorative Bench Dedication and Picnic, Anna's Perennial Nursery Visit will be announced when dates and location are confirmed.

Contact Beaverton Garden Club
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 Judy Mitchell-Wilson, President 705-323-0099

Annual Membership
 Individual \$15, Family \$25,
 Associate/Business \$20
 Non-members always welcome