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MEETING INFORMATION

Markham Village Arena Community Centre
6041 Hwy 7 East (beside library)
2nd floor (elevator available)

Monday, February 24 (Zoom Meeting)
Monday, March 24
Monday, April 28
Monday, May 26
Monday, June 23
Monday, August 25
Monday, September 22
Monday, October 27
Monday, November 24

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Executive Team's Message

With no one filling the position of President this year, the society is continuing in the capable hands of the Executive Team, with team members sharing the President's duties. As a Past President, I continue to serve as the society's contact person.

The 2024 Bus Tour was our first tour for many years. Members and guests enjoyed exploring the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, lunch and a stop at Terra Nurseries in Milton.

There will be no Garden Tour this year. However, in addition to our regular meetings, we have arranged a behind-the-scenes visit to Richters Herbs in April and a visit to the flower farm Perennial Petals in August, where blooms and garlic can be purchased. The team are also exploring other options for visits.

The Executive Team tries to plan a speaker program with something for everyone.

The February meeting will be on Zoom, where we will escape to warmer climates and see "Weird and Wonderful Tropical Flowers of Southeast Asia" with Dan Cooper.

In March, we will hear about Hummingbirds. May's speaker is on garden design. In September, there will be photography tips, and in October, the topic is houseplants.

For gardeners, Dugald Cameron will speak in April about Clematis and climbing plants. The topic in June is Geraniums and Pelargoniums. In August, we will learn about putting your garden to bed for winter (perhaps a little early).

In November, we welcome back Michael Erdman, who will demonstrate Christmas designs.

Many hands make light work; we need members to join the executive team. Talk to any of us about what is involved.

Marilyn Worth, Director

Member Benefits

Members qualify for a discount at the following locations. **Show your membership card before your purchases are rung up. Discounts are on purchases of \$10 or more on regular-priced items only.**

10% Discount (plants only)

Sheridan Nurseries

10% Discount

Valleyview Gardens

8636 Reesor Road (north of Highway 7) 905-471-5630

10% Discount

Tree Valley Garden Centre

4431 Stouffville Road, Stouffville 905-640-2020

10% Discount

Vandermeer Nursery

588 Lakeridge Road S., Ajax 905-427-2525

5% Discount

Urban Nature (Markham store only)

227 Main St N, Unit 5, Markham, L3P 1Y6 905-251-6663

10% Discount

Not So Hollow Farm (native plants)

838369 4th Line East

Mulmur, Ontario, L9V 0J7

<https://notsohollowfarm.ca/>

10% Discount

W.H.Perron Seeds

<https://www.dominion-seed-house.com/en/>

Contact mghs1920@gmail.com for the OHA Code to enter on the order form.

2025 Dates to Remember

April 24 Visit to Richters Herbs

A visit hosted by Richters Herbs. It includes a discussion on how to use dried herbs, why drink herbal teas and the variety of seeds they offer. Then, we will move through the greenhouse for a tour of their collection of amazing plants!

April 26 District 5 Annual General Meeting

Theme: "Our 100 Years of Cultivation"

Speakers: Rick Schofield "Scarborough 100 Years of Cultivation"

Tony Spencer "The New Perennialist"

Location: Qssis Banquet Halls

3474 Kingston Rd, Toronto M1M 2R5

Host: Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society

May 24 Plant Sale

Our plant sale will be held Saturday, May 24 from 9:00 a.m. until sell-out in the parking lot at Markham Village Arena, Hwy #7 & Hwy 48. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers, so please think about which plants you can divide and pot up. If possible, please label the species. All contributions are most welcome. Plant drop-off will be at the Community Centre on Friday, May 23.

August 18 Visit to Perennial Petals

Cathy Bartolic, the owner, will host the event. Cathy supplies Kate's Garden and other flower shops. Visitors can buy blooms and garlic at the flower gardens.

October 27 Photography Competition

Keep your eyes open for the opportunity to take that unique photograph for our competition in October. The October meeting description has full entry details.

Deadline for submissions: **October 9**

Flower Show Report 2024

There were five flower shows held during the year.

Members made a total of 309 entries in the horticultural division and 28 in the design division during the year. This is a decrease from the prior year's entries of 370 in the horticultural and 29 in the design divisions.

There were some beautiful and unusual entries during the year. Thank you to members who submitted entries. We encourage you to continue submitting entries in 2025. It's also a lovely surprise to receive monetary rewards and possibly a bigger award at the end of the year.

Thank you to members who assisted with the set-up and clean-up of each of our flower shows and those who volunteered as Judges Clerks. It was encouraging to see the 2025 sign-up sheet was full in a matter of minutes. Three high school volunteers assisted in set-up and clean-up and wherever needed. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Aruna Alli
Flower Show Co-Chair

Number of Entries in 2024 Flower Shows

	Nov.	May	June	Aug.	Sept.	Total Entries
Horticulture	36	62	76	66	69	309
Design	7	7	7	5	2	28

2024 Awards

Flower Show Points

Prize-winning entries are given points.

	Horticulture Classes	Design Classes
1st Prize	5 points	6 points
2nd prize	4 points	5 points
3rd prize	3 points	4 points
Honourable Mention	2 points	2 points
Horticulture Division: Best in Section	6 points	-
Design Division: Best in Division	-	6 points

These points are used to determine the awards. In addition, prize money is awarded based on 10 cents per point scored in flower shows throughout the year.

Best in Division

	Horticulture	Design
Nov	Cut Specimens: Fil Bayne Dry Plant Material: Gwyn Treharne	Moyra Pyne
May	Spring Flowers: Susan Aquilina Flowering Bulbs: Sonya Lang Flowering Branches: Doris Fischer- Jenssen Houseplants: Gwyn Treharne	Pam Wright
June	Cut Specimens: Pam Wright Roses: Doris Fischer-Jenssen Fruit & Vegetables: Loretta McTaggart	Pam Wright

Horticulture

August Cut Specimens: Carol Baird
Roses: Moyra Pyne
Fruit & Vegetables: Fil Bayne

Sept Cut Specimens: Nancy Shim
Roses: Pam Wright
Fruit & Vegetables: Fil Bayne

Design

Moyra Pyne

Pam Wright

Annual Rose & Flower Show Awards (June Meeting)

Highest Points in the Rose Section	Moyra Pyne
Best Rose Entry in the June Show	Doris Fischer-Jenssen
Highest Points in Cut Specimens	Moyra Pyne
Highest Points in Fruits and Vegetables	Loretta McTaggart
Highest Points in the Design Division	Pam Wright
The Jemima Petty Award for Highest Aggregate Points in the Annual Show	Moyra Pyne
Beth Frost Award for "Best Use of Colour in Design"	Pam Wright

Point Total Awards (Presented in November)

Highest Aggregate Points in the Horticultural Division	1 st	Moyra Pyne
	2 nd	Fil Bayne
	3 rd	Susan Aquilina
Highest Aggregate Points in the Design Division	1 st	Pam Wright
	2 nd	Moyra Pyne
	3 rd	Chelsey Lo and Nancy Shim
Highest Points in Houseplants	1 st	Gwyn Treharne
	2 nd	Moyra Pyne
	3 rd	Doris Fischer-Jenssen
Highest Points in Fruit and Vegetables	1 st	Fil Bayne
	2 nd	Erika Stevenson
	3 rd	Susan Aquilina

Sponsors' Awards

Royal Bank Trophy for Highest Aggregate Points in Horticulture and Design	Moyra Pyne
Beth Frost Award for Highest Points in Design	Pam Wright



Moyra Pyne receiving the Royal Bank Trophy from Diane Olmstead. Photo by Aruna Alli.

Photo Competition (October Meeting)

Make It Orange	1 st	Aruna Alli
	2 nd	Darryl Cheng Marsha Lipsius Loretta McTaggart
Berrylicious	1 st	Diane Olmstead
	2 nd	Marsha Lipsius
The Setting Sun	1 st	Aruna Alli
	2 nd	Sue Aquilina
A Feathered Friend	1 st	Aruna Alli
	2 nd	Sue Aquilina
A Trailing Plant	1 st	Marsha Lipsius
	2 nd	Aruna Alli Maria Chen Marsha Lipsius

Memories of 2024

May Plant Sale



Photos by Lana Peck



June Bus Tour



Photos by Aruna
Alli



October Photography Competition



Make it Orange Aruna Alli

A Trailing Plant
Marsha Lipsius



Berrylicious Diane Olmstead

The Setting Sun
Aruna Alli



A Feathered Friend
Aruna Alli

Anything Goes at Christmas (November Meeting)



Photos by Aruna Alli



Flower Show Etiquette

Flower shows allow our members to showcase what they have grown and display their artistic talents in the design divisions of the shows. To make the shows an enjoyable experience for exhibitors and viewers alike, please take note of the following.

Show committee members are identified by the green aprons they wear.

- If there is not enough space on the show table for your exhibit, please ask a show committee member for assistance. Do not move exhibits.
- The show committee may move exhibits in the horticultural sections to assist the judge for better viewing of the exhibits or if the judge requests a class to be divided.
- Design entries should not be moved after placement except by the exhibitor, and only in exceptional circumstances by a show committee member.
- Only exhibitors and the show committee should be in the show area prior to the start of judging.
- People viewing the show after judging must not touch or move any entry.

Judges Clerk Duties

- Arrive at 7:00 p.m. and see the Flower Show Chair who will give you your aprons and instructions.
- Exhibitors in the Horticultural Division may need help with entry cards and the placing of their entries on the show tables.
- Entries in the Design Division may only be moved by the exhibitor or Flower Show Chair.
- Clerks should not offer advice or unsolicited information to the judge.
- Clerks should not interfere with the judging process or crowd the judge.
- Once the judge makes their decision on the display, one clerk will record names and the other will put stickers on the entry cards.
- Clerks should keep any conversations quiet enough so as not to disturb meeting proceedings.
- After judging is completed, clerks may quietly ask the judge questions that will help the clerks broaden their judging knowledge.
- After the meeting, help to clear the show tables and see that all materials are put in the correct boxes.
- Each meeting with a flower show has the names of the Judges Clerks listed in the yearbook. If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

See OJES 2019 page 24.

Flower Show Rules

Monthly Shows

General

- All exhibitors must be paid members of Markham Garden & Horticultural Society.
- Exhibits must be placed between **6:30 and 7:30 p.m.** except for the November show when entries must be placed between **6:30 and 7:20 p.m. No exceptions!**
- All entries will be judged according to Ontario Judging Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design 2019 Edition.
- No exhibit is entitled to a prize unless declared worthy by a judge. The decisions of the judge(s) are final.
- All space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Any youth wishing to place an entry in the show may do so, and the entry will be judged on its merits. Any design entry must be in keeping with the theme of the show.
- Exhibitors must provide their own containers. A basket is a container made of natural materials or metal, glass, pottery etc., in a basket shape with or without a handle.
- Any exhibit showing evidence of disease and/or insect infestation will be removed from the show table.
- The use of scarce, protected, or endangered native plants, such as wild orchids, trillium, etc., in an exhibit requires that the Show Committee disqualify the exhibit.

Horticulture

- Entries are limited to 2 per member in each class, except in "any" or "any other" and all houseplant classes, in which there is no limit. Multiple entries in a class must be of different cultivars.

- In display, collection, pot-et-fleur, and terrarium classes, only one entry is permitted.
- Specimen exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and must be labelled by variety or cultivar wherever possible. This is helpful to viewers and creates interest.
- Houseplants must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least 3 months prior to the show.
- Dried/treated material in Section B of the November show need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
- More or fewer blooms, stems, etc., than the number called for will disqualify an exhibit. Note: A bud showing colour is considered a bloom.

Design

- Entries are limited to **one** per member in the design classes.
- Exhibits in design classes must be solely the work of the exhibitor.
- Novice classes in design are open to any member who has not won more than three (3) first prizes in preceding years.
- Flowers and other materials used in design classes can be obtained from any source.
- Plant material must predominate unless the schedule states otherwise.
- Judicious use of dried, treated, painted and/or artificially coloured plant material is permitted in the design classes only, unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- No soil is permitted in floral designs.
- A miniature design has maximum dimensions of no more than 12.7cm (5 in) in height, width and depth, including any container, base and/or accessories.
- A small design measures from 13.9cm/5.5in to 25.4cm/10in. and must not exceed 25.4cm/10in. in any direction (height, width or depth).

- Accessories are permitted unless the schedule states otherwise.

Exhibiting Information

General

- **Read the flower show rules in the previous section.** There is important information there.
- **Read each monthly show schedule carefully** to see what each class requires. OJES is a reference to *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design 2019*. (Send a note to mghs1920@gmail.com, c/o Pam Wright if you do not possess this publication and need exhibiting advice from it.).
- Prepare your exhibits for the show, taking note of the number of specimens required. Use a clear container, if possible.
- Bring your exhibits to the meeting before 7:30 p.m. (7:20 p.m. for the November show) and place them on the show tables.
- Complete an entry card (see the example at the end of this section) and place it with your exhibit. Blank entry cards are on the preparation table near the show tables.

Horticultural Specimens

- The term A.O.C is short for Any Other Cultivar and means any other cultivar/variety/species not listed above in the schedule.
- If a specific flower size is asked for, measure the blooms; if a branch size is specified, that will be the actual length of the branch.

- If more than one specimen is called for, ensure that they are as similar in size, height, etc., as possible.
- Exhibits should be free of disease and/or insect infestation.
- Faded and spent flowers should be removed as invisibly as possible; marred, broken, dead or yellowed leaves should be removed.
- Remember that a bud showing colour is considered a bloom, so carefully disbud before showing a single bloom.
- Poppies and Euphorbia that exude white latex benefit from searing the stem ends.
- Dahlias, Roses and Rudbeckia benefit from placing the stems in very hot water for a minute or two before placing in cold water.
- An exhibition Hybrid Tea Rose bloom should be $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ open when viewed from the top.
- When showing roses, a modern rose spray should have at least two blooms in the spray that are at least half or more open. (This does not apply to old garden and species roses which should have at least one bloom half open and a bud showing colour).
- When showing collections of cut flowers or herbs, place a list of displayed plant material beside the entry; botanical and common name is a plus.

Potted Plants

- Potted plants need to be clean and free from dust, debris and pests.
- Containers for potted plants should be clean, and the top layer of soil should be cultivated to give a fresh appearance.

Fruits and vegetables

- Entries should be clean and free from excessive blemishes, insect or disease damage.
- Fruit and vegetables should be exhibited on a plate.
- Leaf vegetables should be exhibited in a container of water.
- See OJES 2019 page 108 for the suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

Entry Card Sample

Markham Garden and Horticultural Society

Section / Division I Class # 17b

Title or Cultivar:

Houseplant Grown for foliage

First

Second

Third

Honourable Mention

Best in Show

Judge's Comments:

Dracaena

I for Horticulture
II for Design

Class Number found in column one of the show schedule

Description found in column two of the show schedule

Name of the cultivar/variety/species . If space, include in the Title or Cultivar line

Markham Garden and Horticultural Society

Section / Division I Class # 17b

Title or Cultivar:

Houseplant Foliage

Exhibitor's Name:

Marilyn Worth

Award:

I for Horticulture
II for Design

Class Number found in column one of the show schedule

Description found in column two of the show schedule

Your name

Monthly Meetings

February 24 – Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Dan Cooper

**"Weird and Wonderful Tropical
Flowers of Southeast Asia"**

Online Meeting using Zoom starting at 7:30 p.m.

March 24 – Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Kristen Martyn

"Hummingbirds: Nature's Miracle"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.

No Flower Show

April 28 – Potluck Dinner

**Speaker: Dugald Cameron
"Clematis and Climbing Plants"**

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Speaker 7:30 p.m.

Reminder: Bring your own plate(s), cutlery, and mug.

No Flower Show

May 26 – Spring Flower Show

Speaker: Evelyn Wolf

"Designing Great Plant Combinations"

Bring a Friend Night!

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Fil Bayne, Erika Stevenson

Division I – Horticultural

Section A – Flowering Bulbs

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Narcissus (daffodil)	1 stem
2	Tulip, single	1 bloom
3	Tulip, double	1 bloom
4	Tulip, parrot	1 bloom
5	Tulip, lily type	1 bloom
6	Allium	1 stem
7	Any spring-flowering bulb, corm, or tuber not listed above	1 stem

Section B – Flowering Branches (Under 90cm/36in)

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
8	Lilac, single blossom	1 truss
9	Lilac, double blossom	1 truss
10	Any other flowering branch, named (if possible)	1 branch

Section C – Spring Flowers

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
11	Peony	1 bloom
12	Aquilegia (columbine)	1 stem
13	Bleeding Heart	1 stem
14	Iris	1 spike
15	Lily-of-the-Valley	1 vase or bowl
16	Violas or pansies (including Johnny Jump-Up) - Under 4cm/1.5in	1 vase or bowl
17	Violas or pansies (including Johnny Jump-Up) - 4cm/1.5in or over	1 vase or bowl
18	Any other spring flower not listed	1 stem
19	A display of mixed flowers and/or shrubs, minimum 3 cultivars	1 vase

Section D – Houseplants

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
20	African violet, single crown	1 pot
21a	Houseplant, grown for bloom, 1 cultivar - Pot size under 15cm/6in	1 pot
21b	Houseplant, grown for bloom, 1 cultivar - Pot size 15cm/6in or over	1 pot
22a	Houseplant, grown for foliage, 1 cultivar - Pot size under 15cm/6in	1 pot
22b	Houseplant, grown for foliage, 1 cultivar - Pot size 15cm/6in or over	1 pot
23	Cactus or other succulent, 1 cultivar	1 pot
24	Trailing or climbing plant, 1 cultivar	1 pot
25	Herb, named (if possible), 1 cultivar	1 pot

Division II – Design

THEME: The Art Class

Class #	Title
26	Bold Brush Strokes ~ a line design
27	Give a Colour a Friend ~ a synergistic design (See page 153 OJES 2019)
28	Puddle Your Colour ~ a design with visible use of water
29	Keeping in Scale ~ a small design (see Flower Show Rules)
30	Create Contrast ~ an all-foliage design
31	Create Contrast ~ an all-foliage design (NOVICE)

June 23 – Annual Rose & Flower Show

Speaker: Will Grainger "Geraniums and Pelargoniums"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Strawberry Tea—additional charge to cover costs.
Served from 7:00–7:30 p.m.

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.
Judges Clerks: Chelsey Lo, Iva Ford,
Maria Cuzzolino-Lam, Reg Pembleton

Division I – Horticultural

Section A – Cut Specimens

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Clematis, named (if possible), 1 cultivar	3 stems
2	Dianthus, 1 variety or cultivar	3 sprays
3	Hemerocallis (day lily)	1 stem
4	Heuchera blooms, 1 cultivar	3 stems
5	Heuchera foliage, a minimum of 3 cultivars, named	5 stems
6	Iris	1 stalk
7	Lily	1 stem
8	Pansies with self foliage, 1 cultivar	3 stems
9	Peony, single or Japanese	1 bloom
10	Peony, semi-double, double or Itoh	1 bloom

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
11	Sweet William, 1 cultivar	1 stem
12	Flowering branch, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
13	Any annual, 1 cultivar	3 stems
14	Any perennial or biennial not listed above	1 stem
15	Any summer-flowering bulb, corm, or tuber, named (if possible)	1 stem
16	A collection of ornamental grasses or grass-like foliage under 90cm/36in, minimum of 3 cultivars	1 entry

Section B – Roses (named, if possible)

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
17	Hybrid Tea, white, yellow, pink or blends of above	1 bloom
18	Hybrid Tea, red or red blend	1 bloom
19	Hybrid Tea, any other colour	1 bloom
20	Hybrid Tea, fully open (more than $\frac{3}{4}$ open), stamens showing optional	1 bloom
21	Floribunda, white or near white	1 spray
22	Floribunda, yellow or yellow blend	1 spray
23	Floribunda, pink or pink blend	1 spray
24	Floribunda, red or red blend	1 spray
25	Floribunda, any other colour	1 spray
26	Floribunda, any colour	1 bloom
27	Grandiflora	1 stem
28	Polyantha	1 spray
29	Climber	1 bloom or spray

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
30	Shrub, other than English Shrub Rose	1 bloom or spray
31	English Shrub Rose, white, yellow, apricot or blends of above	1 bloom or spray
32	English Shrub Rose, pink, red or blends of above	1 bloom or spray
33	Miniature	1 bloom
34	Miniature	1 spray
35	Miniature, 3 different cultivars	3 blooms
36	Miniature, 3 different cultivars	3 sprays
37	One miniature bloom without foliage, floating in water in a clear glass bowl	
38	Any other rose not listed above	1 bloom or spray

Section C – Vegetables and Fruit

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
39	Lettuce	1 plant
40	Peas	5 pods on a plate
41	Spring onions	5 in a bunch
42	Any other vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
43	Collection of herbs, named, a minimum of 5 different cultivars, displayed in water	1 container

** See OJES 2019 page 108 for the suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

Division II – Design

THEME: La Dolce Vita

Class #	Title
44	Salute ~ a design using a wine glass
45	A Taste of Tuscany ~ a design incorporating herbs
46	Milan - The Height of Fashion ~ a design incorporating a piece of fabric
47	Florentine Art ~ a design featuring roses
48	Florentine Art ~ a design featuring roses (NOVICE)
49	Il Divo ~ a parallel design

August 25 – Late Summer Flower Show

Speaker: Ken Brown "Putting Your Garden to Bed"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Jill Valliant, Carol Baird

Division I – Horticultural

Section A – Cut Specimens

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Antirrhinum (snapdragon)	1 spike
2	Aster, annual,	1 stem
3	Coleus, 1 cultivar	3 stems
4	Any foliage plant grown as an annual, other than Coleus	3 stems
5	Cosmos	1 spray
6	Marigold, under 5cm/2in, 1 cultivar	3 sprays
7	Marigold, 5cm/2in or over	1 bloom
8	Pelargonium, with self-foliage attached	1 head
9	Petunia	3 sprays
10	Salvia, annual 1 cultivar	3 stems
11	Zinnia, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
12	Any annual not listed above, 1 cultivar	3 stems
13	Hemerocallis (day lily)	1 stem
14	Hydrangea	1 head
15	Flowering branch (not over 90cm/36in)	1 branch

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
16	Flowering Vine	1 spray
17	Hosta foliage, 1 cultivar	3 stems
18	Rudbeckia (Gloriosa Daisy), 1 cultivar	3 stems
19	Any perennial not listed above, 1 cultivar	1 stem
20	Dahlia, disbudded	1 bloom
21	Any summer-flowering bulb, corm or tuber (other than dahlia), named (if possible)	1 stem
22	A display of perennials and/or flowering branches	1 vase
23	A display of annuals	1 container
24	A collection of garden-grown foliage, minimum of 5 different cultivars	1 container

Section B – Roses

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
25	Hybrid Tea, any colour	1 bloom
26	Floribunda	1 spray
27	Miniature	1 spray or bloom
28	One full-blown bloom, stamens showing optional, shown floating without foliage	
29	Any other rose, named (if possible)	1 spray or bloom

Section C – Vegetables and Fruit

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
30	Tomatoes, large-fruited	3 on a plate
31	Tomatoes, small-fruited	1 truss on a plate
32	Any root vegetable	3 on a plate
33	Peppers	2 on a plate
34	Summer squash, named	1 specimen
35	Any leafy vegetable, one cultivar	3 stems
36	Any other vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
37	A collection of herbs, named, minimum 5 different cultivars, in water	1 container
38	Any fruit (see OJES 2019)	1, 3, or 5 specimens

** See OJES 2019 page 108 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

Division II – Design

THEME: Down on the Farm

Class #	Title
39	Homestead Roses ~ a design featuring roses
40	Down By the Pond ~ a water-viewing design
41	Butter and Cream ~ using a monochromatic colour harmony
42	Butter and Cream ~ using a monochromatic colour harmony (NOVICE)
43	The Harvest~ a design incorporating fruit and/or vegetables
44	Chicken Little ~ a small design (see Flower Show Rules)

September 22 – Fall Flower Show

Speaker: Doug van Wolde "Photography Tips for Gardeners"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Starts 8:00 p.m.

Judges Clerks: Lorraine Chipperfield, Marilyn Worth

Division I – Horticultural

Section A – Cut Specimens

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Calendula, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
2	Coleus, 1 cultivar	3 stems
3	Garden-grown foliage plant, with colourful or interesting foliage, other than Coleus	3 stems
4	Cosmos, 1 cultivar	1 spray
5	Marigold, 1 cultivar, under 5cm/2in	3 sprays
6	Marigold, 5cm/2in or over	1 bloom
7	Pelargonium, with self foliage attached	1 head
8	Petunia	3 sprays
9	Zinnia, any variety, 1 cultivar	3 blooms
10	Any other annual not listed above	1 stem
11	Anemone Japonica	1 stem
12	Chrysanthemum	1 spray
13	Ornamental grass, sedge or rush, one cultivar, not over 100cm/40in	3 stems
14	Perennial Phlox	1 stem
15	Rudbeckia, 1 cultivar	3 stems

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
16	Sedum Spectabile	3 stems
17	Any Perennial, named (if possible)	1 stem
18	Tuberous begonia, to be shown floating with added self-foliage	1 bloom
19	Dahlia, disbudded under 15cm/6in	1 stem
20	Dahlia, disbudded 15cm/6in or over	1 stem
21	A.O.C. summer-flowering bulb, corm or tuber, named if possible	1 stem
22	Flowering or fruiting shrub, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
23	Hydrangea	1 head
24	A display of mixed flowers	1 container
25	Seed pods or heads, natural length of stem	3 stems

Section B – Roses

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
26	Hybrid Tea, white, yellow or pink	1 bloom
27	Hybrid Tea, red	1 bloom
28	Hybrid Tea, any other colour	1 bloom
29	Floribunda	1 spray
30	Miniature	1 bloom or spray
31	Any other rose, named (if possible)	1 bloom or spray
32	One full-blown bloom, stamens showing optional, floating in water in a clear glass bowl	

Section C – Vegetables and Fruit

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
33	Winter squash	1 specimen
34	Tomatoes, large-fruited	3 on a plate
35	Tomatoes, small-fruited	1 truss on a plate
36	Any other variety of vegetable **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
37	Raspberries	5 on a plate
38	Any other fruit **	1, 3, or 5 specimens
39	A harvest display of fruit and/or vegetables exhibited in a suitable container	1 container
40	Kale leaves, one cultivar	3 stems

** See OJES 2019 page 108 for suggested number of various specimens to be entered in Any Other Variety classes.

Division II – Design

THEME: Nature's Palette

Class #	Title
41	Fabulous Foliage ~ an all-foilage design
42	Fabulous Foliage ~ an all-foilage design (NOVICE)
43	Walk on the Wild Side ~ incorporating natural uncultivated material
44	Fall Fare ~ a design incorporating fruit
45	Shades of Autumn ~ a design using an analogous colour scheme
46	First Frost ~ your own interpretation

October 27– Photography Competition

Speaker: Darryl Cheng "An Engineer's Approach to Houseplant Care"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

No Flower Show
Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation

Photo Competition

Deadline for entry submission: October 9

- Entries are limited to 2 per category.
- Entries must have been taken by the entrant.
- Photos entered in previous Markham Garden & Horticultural Society photo competitions are not eligible to be presented again.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each category.
- One of the photographs entered will be selected as the yearbook cover.
- Photos entered may be used in the yearbook.
- Digital Photos:
 - a. Cropping is allowed, but electronic/digital alteration (e.g., Photoshop) of images is not allowed.
 - b. Jpeg format is preferred.

- Printed Photos:
 - a. Dimensions of printed photos: 10cm/4in by 15cm/6in colour.
 - b. Prints of digital photographs on photo-quality paper are acceptable, but electronic/digital alteration of images is not allowed.
 - c. Printed photos must include your name, telephone number, and category on the back.

Theme: A Year in the Garden

Categories:

1. Spring in the Garden
2. Summer in the Garden
3. Fall in the Garden
4. Winter in the Garden
5. Your Favourite Flower/Plant/Shrub/Tree/Houseplant

November 24– Christmas Flower Show

Speaker: Michael Erdman "Christmas Designs"

Markham Village Arena Community Centre

Flower Show Entry Deadline: 7:20 p.m.

Meeting Starts 7:30 p.m.

MGHS AGM

Installation of 2026 Executive Committee

Judges Clerks: Fil Bayne, Erika Stevenson

Division I – Horticultural

Section A – Horticultural

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
1	Collection of evergreens, coniferous, and/or broad-leaved, at least 5 named cultivars	1 entry
2	Berried or coloured branch, not over 90cm/36in	1 branch
3	Newly established cutting(s), 1 cultivar	1 pot
4	Any garden-grown "survivor" flower, may be annual, biennial, perennial or rose	1 stem
5	Cactus or other succulent, 1 cultivar	1 pot
6	Houseplants grown for foliage	1 pot
7	Houseplants grown for bloom	1 pot
8	Any plant grown as a miniature type	1 pot

Section B – Dried Plant Material (Need not be grown by the exhibitor)

Class #	Title or Cultivar	Number Specimens
9	Hydrangea, air-dried	3 stems
10	Air-dried flowers, natural stems	3 stems
11	Plant material preserved in glycerine	3 stems
12	Seed pods or heads, ripened naturally, natural length of stems	3 stems
13	Display of dried and/or preserved materials, a minimum of 5 different cultivars	1 container

Division II – Design

THEME: Perk Up for Christmas

Class #	Title
14	Double Latte ~ using two containers in any manner
15	Add Some Cinnamon Sticks ~ a design incorporating cinnamon sticks
16	Add Some Cinnamon Sticks ~ a design incorporating cinnamon sticks (NOVICE)
17	Beans in a Bag ~ using a gift bag as a container
18	Kaffeeklatsch ~ a table centrepiece
19	Demitasse ~ a dried miniature design (See Flower Show Rules)

Honour Roll of Presidents

1920–1933	Names unavailable	
1934–1935	A. H. Crosby	1984–1985 Dorothy McKelvey
1936–1939	O. R. Stalter	1986–1987 Phyllis Hollinger
1940–1940	Roy H. Crosby	1988–1989 Sayde Turnbull
1950–1951	C.R. Wideman	1990–1992 John Crow
1952–1955	W. Bundy	1993–1995 Margaret Amos
1956–1957	T. Leishman	1996–1997 Trudy Tatangelo
1958–1960	W. Heaton	1998–1999 Gordon Thompson
1961–1962	G.S. Jourdan	2000–2003 Margaret Amos
1963–1964	O. R. Stalter	2004–2006 Lynn Bean
1965–1965	W. A. Tyte	2007–2008 Moyra Pyne
1966–1967	B. C. Graham	2009–2012 Dorothy McKelvey
1968–1970	Alymer Lambert	2013–2016 Pamela Wright
1971–1972	J. F. Van Poeche	2017 Executive Committee
1973–1975	Myrtle Hamill	2018–2019 Diane Olmstead, Lana Peck
1976–1978	Pat Warriner	2020–2023 Marilyn Worth
1979–1981	Pam Wright	2024- Executive Committee
1982–1983	Irene Kneeshaw	



In Memoriam

Trudy Tatangelo
 Carol Fisher
 Beth Frost

Officers and Directors

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Vice-President	Vacant
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Moyra Pyne
Gerrie Storr
Pam Wright
Stephanie Zheng

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Loretta McTaggart
Diane Olmstead
Marilyn Worth

Financial Reviewers 2025

Lorraine Chipperfield
Jean Lew

Special thanks to Rose Chapman who has stepped down as a Director.

Members of the Executive can be contacted by email at mghs1920@gmail.com

Committees and Convenors

Meetings:

Membership	Loretta McTaggart
Speakers	Coordinator: Moyra Pyne Executive Team
Fundraiser	Pat Hinds
Projector	Diane Olmstead
Greeter Volunteers	

Committees

Flower Show Committee	Chair: Stephanie Zheng and Aruna Alli Moyra Pyne, Doris Fischer- Jenssen, Pamela Wright, Barb Tang
Plant Sale Committee	Chair: Diane Olmstead Executive Team
Garden Tour Committee	Chair: TBD
Bus Tour Committee	Chair: TBD

Events:

April Potluck Dinner	Executive Committee
June Strawberry Tea	Pat Hinds
October Photography Competition	Xingyuan Mu

General:

Archives	Marilyn Worth
Bookmarks	Xingyuan Mu
OHA Website	Marilyn Worth

MGHS Website	Xingyuan Mu
Social Media	Gerrie Storr Marilyn Worth
Instagram	Diane Olmstead
Facebook	Gerrie Storr
Yearbook	Marilyn Worth Gerrie Storr

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Pat yourself on the back for a job
well done!



On behalf of the Markham Garden
and Horticultural Society, thank you
for your help in making our
meetings memorable and fun!

Ontario Horticultural Association



Markham Garden and Horticultural Society is a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, an umbrella organization for 282 horticultural societies with some 40,000 members throughout Ontario. It is divided into 19 districts, each with a director who guides activities in that district. Markham Garden and Horticultural Society is in District 5 (Toronto East, York Region East). You can find out more about the Ontario Horticultural Association at www.gardenontario.org.

OHA's Trillium Newsletter

www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php?news=196

Lake Simcoe Master Gardeners (covers York Region)

Website: <https://www.lssmgoi.com/>

Toronto Master Gardeners

Website: <https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/>

Durham Master Gardeners

Website: <https://durhammastergardeners.ca/>

District 5



District 5 of the Ontario Horticultural Association covers a large area stretching from Lake Simcoe in the north to Lake Ontario in the south.

Markham Garden and Horticultural Society members are invited to visit any of the District 5 societies. A nominal fee may apply.

District 5 Societies

Agincourt Garden Club agincourt@gardenontario.org

Garden Aurora aurora@gardenontario.org

East Gwillimbury Gardeners eastgwillimbury@gardenontario.org

East York Garden Club www.eygc.ca

Greater Toronto Bulb Society www.gardenontario.org

Greater Toronto Watergarden and Horticultural Society
<https://onwatergarden.com/>

Lake Simcoe Gardeners www.gardenontario.org

Leaside Garden Society www.gardenontario.org

Newmarket Garden Club www.gardennewmarket.ca

North York Garden Club northyork@gardenontario.org

Riverdale Horticultural Society riverdale@gardenontario.org

Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society

scarborough@gardenontario.org

Stouffville Garden Club stouffvillehortsoc@gmail.com

Gardening Resources

www.gardenontario.org

The Ontario Horticultural Association's official website contains information and links to all Ontario clubs' sites.

www.compost.org

Events, publications, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about composting.

www.gardenweb.com

Gardening tips, a glossary of botanical terms, and a database of plants.

www.gardening-enjoyed.com

Ken Brown's website has a wealth of info on a broad range of gardening topics and links to other websites. Subscribe to his newsletter.

www.perennials.com

Managed by world-renowned horticulturalist John Valleau, the site has tips on perennial garden design and lots of information about heritage perennials.

www.gardenmaking.com

This site has information to inspire and inform home gardeners. Sign up for Beckie Fox's newsletter to be informed about events all over Ontario.

www.rbg.ca

The official website of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington this site provides information about ongoing events and advises what is currently in bloom.

www.richters.com

The official website of Richters Herbs in Goodwood has comprehensive information about almost any herb. This is where you can learn about growing herbs and making herbal products.

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

The official website of the Toronto Botanical Garden. The site contains a calendar of events for other garden clubs and a schedule for their ongoing lecture series.

www.planthardiness.gc.ca

Natural Resources Canada provides numerous resources, including plant hardiness maps for regions across Canada.

www.markcullen.com

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Specialty Gardening Clubs

Canadian Iris Society www.cdn-iris.ca

Ontario Delphinium Club www.ondelphiniums.com

Canadian Peony Society www.peony.ca

Toronto African Violet Society www.tavs.ca

Canadian Rose Society www.canadianrosesociety.org

Ontario Hosta Society www.ontariohostasociety.com

Ontario Daylily Society www.ontariodaylily.on.ca

Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society

www.onrockgarden.com

Southern Ontario Orchid Society www.soos.ca

Toronto Cactus and Succulent Club www.torontocactus.org

North American Native Plant Society www.nanps.org

2025 Perennial of the Year

Pycnanthemum muticum - Clustered Mountain Mint

Clustered mountain mint is a tough and adaptable perennial native to meadows and open woodlands. A must-have for pollinator gardens, heads of tiny white to light pink blooms attract butterflies, wasps, and bees from July to September. Clustered mountain mint's aromatic foliage is unpalatable to deer and rabbits.

<https://perennialplant.org/page/2025PPOY>

Events to Remember

Get the Jump on Spring at the TBG

Toronto Botanical Garden will host its annual Get the Jump on Spring/Seedy Saturday event this year.

Saturday, Feb 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Toronto Botanical Garden Plant Sale

Members only, Friday, May 9

Public May 10-11

North American Native Plant Society Sale

May 17 Toronto Botanical Garden

Marion Jarvie Open Garden/Sale:

See Marion's website for the dates.

http://marionjarvie.ca/Open_garden.html

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Rain or shine

37 Thornheights Road, Thornhill, L3T 3L9

Oshawa Valley Peony Festival

June 7-8, 2025, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Check website for information.

<https://www.oshawa.ca/en/parks-recreation-and-culture/peony-festival.aspx>

Parkwood National Historical Site – Oshawa. Check the website for times and tours <https://www.parkwoodestate.com/>

Executive Committee Meetings

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

Held on Zoom, chaired by a member of the Executive team.

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October Photography Competition



Make it Orange
Marsha Lipsius

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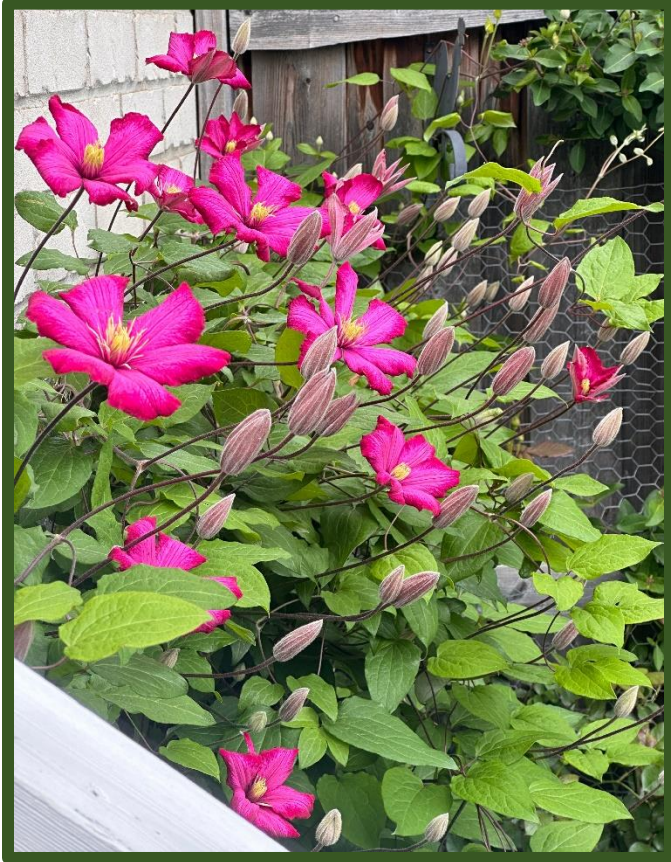


A Trailing Plant Aruna Alli

Make it Orange Darryl Cheng



Learning and Growing Together



Markham Garden Club