



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Spring is a time of change. We change our clocks ahead, we change seasons, we see our landscape change from dull browns to vibrant greens as everything awakens. As we move into another gardening season, the Land O Lakes Garden Club will also be experiencing change, and the introduction of this Newsletter is just one of them. Other changes are in the works, so please join us on our journey as we increase our communication to our members and broaden our exposure within our communities. I came across a quote that rang true to me and thought I would share it.....

"The only way that we can live, is if we grow.

The only way that we can grow, is if we change.

The only way that we can change, is if we learn.

The only way that we can learn, is if we are exposed".

Dawn Reiser, Chair, Land O' Lakes Garden Club.

GARDENING ON THE ROCKS

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Our Mission

"To promote awareness and an appreciation of Nature's bounty, through members commitment and community outreach, to encourage participation in diverse gardening activities through mentoring of novice gardeners, and by educating all members to current gardening practices through workshops, guest speakers, field trips, and other related activities."

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LOLGCCLOYNE?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

Webpage

<https://landolakesgardenclub.com/>

Email: lolgardenclubn7@gmail.com



EARTH DAY

One of our newest initiatives involves Earth Day and is scheduled for April 20, 2024. Help the community by gathering litter along our roadsides and public areas and assist in maintaining the beauty of the landscape we all share. We will be partnering with the Lions Club to ensure our reach into the community is widespread. More information to follow.

OHA 50/50 DRAW

Support the OHA by purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets at the following website:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

All proceeds go towards providing grants and education.

WHAT'S NEW



FACEBOOK IS HERE!

We are excited that Facebook will be one of our new community awareness strategies. The Facebook page for the garden club has been created and once it is launched live will provide a space for information sharing, photos, articles, and maybe illustrative videos of the club's various projects from inception to completion. It will be a great Garden Club community space. Join us and follow us on Facebook. Look for the Land O lakes Garden Club Page.

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NEW EXECUTIVE ROLES

Do you know of one or two members or potential Garden Club members who have experience with Advertising, Marketing and Social Media, or who may be interested in joining the Executive as a Vice Chair or Community Liaison? These roles are essential in moving forward with our strategy to create more community awareness of what the Garden Club is involved in and to strengthen our club and Executive. Let us know if you have these skills and are interested in joining our Executive team!





GARDEN CLUB STRATEGY

The Executive team has met several times this winter to strategize short and long-term goals for the Land O lakes Garden Club. There has been a lot of work completed and more to go but the strategies will set the club up for success and sustainability into the future. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks

ON TRACK



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Tracking of volunteer hours is very important. There are various categories that are tracked by the Ontario Horticulture Association which is our governing body. The information below will help you to categorize your hours appropriately when submitting. Submitting your hours monthly is suggested. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer for any amount of time you can. All volunteer hours greatly benefit the club and the community through the projects we deliver.

Volunteer Hour Categories

1. Community Events
2. Executive and Monthly Meetings

VOLUNTEER HOURS (cont'd)

3. Executive Board and Committee Planning
4. Flower Shows or Garden Tours
5. Administration of Planning and Maintenance
6. Special events (workshops, seminars, OHA AGM and conventions)
7. Yearbook, Newsletter, Website, Social Media
8. Youth Activities
9. Other (litter pick up- Earth Day)

All program Chairs are to keep the total number of hours for their events. Time spent by members not at an event are to be submitted by that member (community halls, digging up plants in your own garden for the plant sale). Travel time should also be submitted for members travelling to and from events or meetings.



ASSOCIATED CLUBS

The Garden Club has many associated clubs which are open for members to join space permitting. The Wine Club, Book Club, Walking Club, Bridge Club, and Arts and Crafts Club (open to community as well. Take advantage of your membership benefits and if you are interested in joining a club email to lolgardenclubn7@gmail.com.

ON TRACK



PROJECT SIGN UP

Project Sign Up is always a priority at both our April and May meetings. This year we are changing the process for signing up for the various projects. We will be emailing members with a list of projects with the hope that you will return the email indicating which projects you would like to volunteer for. Also, at our first two meetings, we will have the coordinator of the project and the sign-up sheets at tables for members to visit and find out more about what is involved in volunteering for that project.

PROJECT SIGN UP (cont'd)

The projects that will require volunteers are:

1. Plant Sale
2. Planter Boxes
3. Pine Meadow Nursing Home
4. Barrie and Harlowe Hall
5. Medicine Wheel Indigenous Healing Garden
6. Butterfly Garden
7. Cloyne Pioneer Cemetery

We want to bring in new events and projects for our members this year, but we need your volunteer hours to make it happen! Without your commitment and volunteer hours our projects would not be possible.

APRIL'S SPEAKER

Brad King – "The ABC's of NPK, an Introduction to Plant Food" Have you ever wondered just what those numbers mean on packages of fertilizers and are not sure which ones you should be using. Brad, our former D3 OHA Director will explain what each of those numbers mean and which ones we should be using. **April 10, 2024 7:00 PM at Barrie Hall**