



Come Grow With Us

Garden City Gardeners is a member of District 9 of the Ontario Horticultural Association

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March General Meeting

Saturday, March 25 - 10 am—Noon

Grace Mennonite Church, 677 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2M 3R4

Garden City Gardeners Presents

Vegetable Gardening with James Graham

“What to Grow to Preserve”

This event is open to all District 9 Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs

Bring a Guest — Non-members \$5.00



James Graham

Retired Chef and Past President of the Ontario Horticultural Association



The mission of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society is to provide leadership and assist in the promotion and education in all areas of gardening, horticulture and environmental issues, thereby beautifying and providing enjoyment for all.

Refreshments
will be provided



Message from the Chair

Welcome to our first edition of the “Garden Gate”, Garden City Gardeners newsletter. This is an exciting time for our group. When we met in March of 2022, we outlined a very different plan for going forward. This is a group that operates by committees, headed by not a president but a chairperson. Meetings of our group have been different, some have been on Zoom, others in person, and some have taken the format of hands-on workshops.

We now have a Facebook presence as well as a new website. Be sure to check it out.

Last year, we embarked upon planting a pollinator garden in Victoria Lawn cemetery. It was a success. Our pollinator gardens are expanding this year.

I look forward to meeting you at our meeting on March 25th with James Graham. This will be followed later by a workshop on preserving and canning.

Our group belongs to Blooming Boulevards and Seeds of Diversity.

Going forward, we will need volunteers for various committees. Sign up sheets will be on display at the March meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you all in March,

Susan Lusted, Chair.

Find us on Facebook [Garden City Gardeners](#) | [Saint Catharines ON](#) | [Facebook](#) and on the web [Home](#) | [St Catharines Horti \(stcatharinesblooms.com\)](#)

Bee Keeper—Glen Martin

Glen Martin, a member of Garden City Gardeners, is a Bee Keeper with many years experience. Glen has agreed to remove honey bees from our members’ properties.

Please do not destroy the bees, just call Glen at 905-935-6592 for advice and removal.



The Brown Homestead

The Victory Garden at the Brown Homestead will be flourishing with vegetables again this year. We’re hoping to include some pollinator plants to bring in the bees.



[The Victory Garden — The Brown Homestead](#)

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Sue Lusted

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Janice Harte

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Membership Fee \$20.00

Executive Members 2023

Sandy Martin, Treasurer

Chelsea O’Reilly, Secretary

Directors

April Hamm

Anita Millar

Linda Olsson, Newsletter Editor

Gwen Simpson

Diana Tracey

Janice Wiggins



Articles and/or photos from members are welcome.

Contact newsletter editor—magdansk@yahoo.ca

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Membership Renewals Due Now

Membership must be renewed to continue to receive the newsletter and emails. Please see Carm Osborne at the March meeting to renew your membership for 2023, or mail your membership form and a cheque for \$20.00 to:
St. Catharines Horticultural Society,
P.O. Box 29013,
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P9

LATE FOR A MEETING AND THE DOOR IS LOCKED?

Ring the doorbell marked "Good Shepherd Office"

Please be patient and if necessary, ring bell a couple of times. If it is noisy in the hall, we can't always hear the bell the first time. Our meetings start at 7 p.m. For safety reasons, the church has asked us to lock the doors at 7:10 p.m. Thank you.

OHA Convention

[Ontario OHA Convention » GardenOntario](#)

CONVENTION NEWS!

July 21-23, 2023

Hosted by District 2

The OHA 2023 Convention
will be held at:

The Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa

525 Legget Drive,

Ottawa, ON K2K 2W2

<https://www.brookstreethotel.com/>



OHA 115th Convention
July 21 - 23, 2023
District 2 - Ottawa Valley

Volunteer Hours Form

Please use the form found on the last page of the newsletter to start keeping track of your time.

Lug a Mug

Please bring your own regular sized mug to all meetings - home and away.



District 9 Spring AGM

Join us on Earth Day

Saturday April 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm
Thorold Seniors Centre,
8 Carleton St. S.,
Thorold, ON



A Garden is a place where you find yourself when you need to lose yourself.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We often forget that many people are new to GCG and need more information before volunteering. Please be aware that we cannot run the Society without volunteers. **Your help is vital.** We hope this will help you choose where you best fit in. Training is available for all positions.

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AT THE MARCH 25 MEETING

Greeters

We need 2-3 per meeting.

Arrive at the meeting by 6:15 pm.

Be sure you have sign-in book and get door prize tickets and name tags from storage cupboard and set up on tables.

If possible, one greeter should be near the church doors to help and direct newcomers and visitors.

Remind members and visitors to sign in for meetings and to sign out if leaving early. Members are to pick up their own name tags from the small table. Greeters are to give tags to visitors. Everyone is to be given a ticket for the door prize draw.

Provide information about the society as needed to visitors and new members.

Dim lights as required during meetings. Check that church front door is locked by 7:10 pm.

At the end of the meeting, name tags, tickets, etc. are to be put away and locked in the storage cupboard and sign-in book given to secretary.

You sign up for one meeting only, unless you want to do more.

50/50 and Other Ticket Sales

We need 2-3 people per meeting. Arrive at 6:15 pm if scheduled. Training will be provided for you on the procedure at a meeting and a reminder phone call will be provided. You sign up for one meeting only, unless you want to do more.

Native/Pollinator Garden

Location: Our garden is located at the Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Work party: In April and October we do the garden cleanup. More hands make less work. If you volunteer, you will be given directions for safety, what to wear and what to bring.

Monthly: Decide on month/s you would like to help, May – September. We ask that you come every one to two weeks. Again, directions will be given.

In both of these jobs, you will be called in advance.

Questions? Contact Anita Millar.



Welcome to our new members, January – March 2023



Trudy Chastkavich
Leah Parker
Demi Xiong

**Thank you also to our many members
who have renewed their membership for 2023.
We appreciate you!**

Mark the Date

Saturday, April 22

- District 9 Spring AGM
- Earth Day

Sunday, June 25 at 3 pm

Summer BBQ

Bring a chair
and enjoy the day!

July 21—23

OHA Convention

Coming Soon

Aprons will
be available
with our logo
on the front.



Brand new
member pins.



Memberships for Sale

Garden City Gardeners has memberships available for sale at **stems etc.** Drop in to see owner James Sawatsky at this unique shop.

Location: 101 Lakeport Rd., Unit 3,
St. Catharines, ON

Business Hours

Tuesday to Friday, 9 am—6 pm

Saturday, 8 am—4 pm

Closed on Sunday and Monday

[Welcome \(stemsetc.ca\)](http://Welcome (stemsetc.ca))



Blooming Boulevards

Connecting neighbourhoods to nature

**GCG is a member. Learn
about them on their website
and on Facebook.**

[Blooming Boulevards | Mississauga |
pollinator gardens](#)

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ON | Facebook](#)



The Garden City Gardeners of St. Catharines



Our Pollinator Garden at the Victoria Lawn Cemetery

Leslie Daniels, District 9 Director of the OHA wrote to the City of St. Catharines and was able to secure us some space in the cemetery to plant a pollinator garden.

A group of us went out there in the spring last year and planted seeds. This same group of members set up a watering schedule and tended the seeds over the summer. By the early fall, our garden was flourishing!!

We planted over 300 spring flowering bulbs in October and will add more seed to the garden so after our spring show of colour, the summer season will again be alive with native plants and bees and butterflies of all kinds.

We are hoping to expand the pollinator garden this year at the cemetery or in other locations in St. Catharines.

Submitted by Anita Millar, Garden City Gardeners



Attention All GCG Members

Please consider donating a native or plant or native seeds to our garden.
Contact Anita Millar at stcatharinesblooms@gmail.com



Garden City Gardeners

Membership Form

2023

**Print clearly in block letters*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Please Check: Renewal _____ New _____

Interested in Leadership Role _____



We as a Society do not share this information. It is for use of the Society only.

St. Catharines Horticultural Society

For GCG use only. Check here when paid.

Membership Fee \$20.00 per person, payable to St. Catharines Horticultural Society.

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Payable by cheque or cash

Garden City Gardeners - Volunteer Hours 2022/2023

Name: _____

Revised: Nov. 2022	Executive Meetings	Executive Duties	Planning Plant Sale, Garden Tour	Victoria Lawn Native-Garden	Special Events	Newsletter, Website & Social Media	Kitchen & Baking	Garden Tour	Plant Sale	Other
November/22										
December/22										
January										
February										
March										
April										
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June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
Total Hours										