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Member Meeting

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

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7 pm

Build a Rain Garden

Speaker: Michael Albanese

Avesi Stormwater & Landscape Solutions



Michael is a landscape consultant, designer, contractor, author, and public speaker operating under Avesi Stormwater & Landscape Solutions. His work focuses on helping people incorporate rainwater into their landscapes through ecological planting design. Currently working on the second edition to his book 'The Modern Rain Garden', Michael strives to be a positive influence on both the community and the environment.

Since he last spoke to our group in 2019 he has published a book—'The Modern Rain Garden: Scrape, Shape, and Plant'. The link to it can be found here [The Modern Rain Garden: Scrape, Shape, and Plant: Albanese, Michael Thomas: 9798562612724: Books - Amazon.ca](#)



Join us for refreshments at 6:30 pm



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.

Message from the Chair

We have had excellent meetings. In June, Carm Osborne and her husband hosted our annual BBQ. It was an excellent venue. Carm's garden is large and beautiful. The weatherman didn't cooperate but, it didn't dampen our spirits.

In July, our club hosted Garden Walks. Our garden hosts did a lot to prepare for this and multiple dates were offered. See the pictures in this newsletter.

Our August meeting was with James Graham and Susan Lusted and it was about Canning and Preserving Niagara produce. Participants received an 18-page booklet of recipes at this meeting.

Our Native/Pollinator Garden at Victoria Lawn Cemetery is great, thanks to Anita Millar and her volunteers who maintain it.

We have a full schedule planned for the fall. Our September speaker is Michael Albanese. The topic is Build a Rain Garden, and this is so appropriate given the amount of rain we have received. In October, we have Lorraine Johnson speaking—here's her website: <https://lorrainejohnson.ca>. The topic is Tending the Earth, Gardening for the Future. She is an advocate of putting native plants back in our gardens. November 18 is our AGM, and we have a morning meeting planned with some hands-on activities, "Winter Sowing" being one.

Sandy Martin has also planned a Christmas dinner at Nola's on December 4. She will give the price at our September meeting. Sandy has our new aprons for sale also and they are pictured in this newsletter.

Our society is on Facebook and we have an excellent website: <https://www.stcatharinesblooms.com>. Linda Olsson has done excellent work on maintaining and designing this site.

My point here is that during the past year, our journey as a Horticultural Society has been innovative and exciting. It is just the beginning. We are missing much needed volunteers for our various committees. As you can see from this newsletter, we need you as members to volunteer to be on one of our committees. It is only through our volunteers that we can continue to grow. Linda Olsson has outlined our needs on the next page and I encourage you to choose just one and sign up. In signing up for a committee, you will provide much needed assistance and support to our committee chairs.

Susan Lusted, Chair

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and on the web www.stcatharinesblooms.com

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Membership Fee \$20.00

Executive Members 2023

Sandy Martin, Treasurer
Chelsea O'Reilly, Secretary

Directors

Anita Millar
Linda Olsson, Newsletter Editor
Gwen Simpson
Diana Tracey



Articles and/or photos from members are welcome.

Contact newsletter editor—magdansk@yahoo.ca

In November, our garden club will vote for the executive for 2024. Here's the pledge that all members make each year at the Annual General Meeting. Now is a good time to reflect on this pledge and to do your best to support the garden club.

“Members of Garden City Gardeners, you have chosen your officers and they have accepted their responsibility. They have their part, and equally, you have yours. Attending meetings is one part of your role. Your executive and directors also depend on you to volunteer your time and support to meet the society's goals. You will probably also enjoy it.

Members of Garden City Gardeners, do you pledge your full support to your society and its officers who have been duly installed for the year 2024?

They depend on your support and co-operation. By working together, you will have another successful year.“



Please consider donating a native plant or native seeds to our Native/Pollinator garden.

Help at our monthly meetings to set up the sound system and computer.

Join a committee to start a plant & auction sale.

Make some phone calls to local nurseries for donations for the plant sale.

Join the Boulevard Pollinator Garden Committee.

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

Learn how to be the Treasurer for our garden club.

Join our new Media Committee.

Learn how to update our website.

Help to schedule future speakers and events.

Send an email to stcatharinesblooms@gmail.com to help us.

**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.

Volunteer Hours Form

This form is on the last page of the newsletter to keep track of your time.

Lug a Mug

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



The 2023 Summer Issue of Trillium is here! » GardenOntario

Garden City Gardeners - Native/Pollinator Garden Committee

The garden is doing well this summer despite the lack of volunteer assistance.

We have been able to plant a number of native perennials that will provide a solid base for the coming years. Many thanks to Master Gardener Cathy Kavassalis for her generous donation of her speaker fee to us for purchasing native plants. We also need to thank members who donated plants, especially Diana Tracey for supplying us with many perennials from her own garden to supplement the native plantings. We lost a tree in one of the recent storms but the City of St. Catharines will replace it in the fall. I selected a red oak as a replacement, a strong long-lasting tree.

Weeding is still very much an issue. A group of 4 of us have been visiting the garden since the beginning of the season to try to get the thistles and bindweed under control but it's an ongoing task. Hopefully, the hard work will pay off and next year will be less taxing. We still need help!!!!

Anita Millar

VOLUNTEER TODAY. Contact Anita at amillar1961@gmail.com



*Photos by Anita Millar
Summer 2023*

*GCG Native/Pollinator
Garden at Victoria
Lawn Cemetery*



2023 Summer BBQ

We enjoyed our time together in July at Carm Osborne's garden. Thank you Carm and John for hosting our group. John did a great job on the BBQ. Thank you to everyone for bringing the delicious salads and desserts. Thanks to Cathy Swain for taking these beautiful photos at Carm's garden.



A poem to accompany this beautiful wildflower
I hope you are blessed with a heart like a wildflower...
Strong enough to rise again after being trampled on,
tough enough to weather the worst of the summer
and even able to grow and flourish in the most
broken of places.
Silene vulgaris commonly known as Bladder Campion,
Cow Bell or Rattlweed.

Garden Walks 2023

As I am fairly new to St Catharines, it was lovely to visit with other gardeners and garner some great information and see what was possible. Moving from a zone 4b to a 7, and clay to sandy loam, and full sun to almost full shade, has been a challenge and over the four years I've been here it has been quite a learning experience. I drew some inspiration from my neighbour Donna Greenall who opened her wonderful shade garden to us. Cheryl Toole had an amazing selection of miniature hostas, astilbe and heuchera which gave me some good ideas and her selection of Japanese Maples was inspiring. Jennifer Qusen had great information and knowledge as we toured her mostly sunny garden. Louis Gualtieri had a spectacular, very large plot that after 40 years he has created wonders that could only inspire me to consider other options for my own small garden of Eden. For those who missed it, you would have been delighted!

Submitted by Diana Tracey



Garden Walks 2023

Did you make it to our
Garden Walks
this summer?

Diana Tracey's Garden

Here's what you missed:

- ✿ Cheryl Toole's Garden,
66 Ghent St.
- ✿ Jennifer Qusen's Garden
6 Lakebreeze Cresc.
- ✿ Donna Greenall's Garden
18 Woodruff Ave.
- ✿ Diana Tracey's Garden
1 Thairs Ave.
- ✿ Louis Gualtieri's Garden
51 Emmet Rd.
- ✿ GCG Native/Pollinator Gar-
den, Victoria Lawn Cemetery,
431 Queenston St.



*Donna Greenall's
Garden*

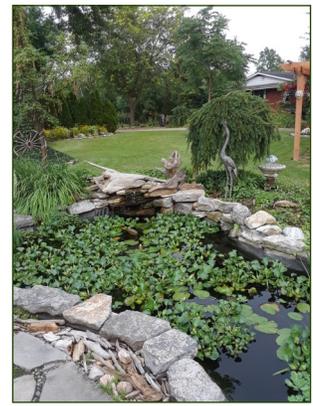




Jennifer Busen's Garden



Louis Gualtieri's Garden



Welcome to our new members, July – September 2023



Jillian Buckingham
Juliette Koudys
Elizabeth Seidl
Maggie Thorburn

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

Mark the Date

October 28 - 10 am—2 pm

Potluck Lunch

Speaker: Lorraine Johnson

Topic: Tending the Earth, Gardening for the Future.

November 18 - 10 am—noon

Annual General Meeting

December 4 - 5:30 pm—8 pm

Christmas Dinner at Nola's Restaurant, St. Catharines

Aprons are available with our logo on the front.

Adjustable straps with front pocket.

\$20.00



Brand new member pin
\$8.00

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](#)

[Blooming Boulevards | Mississauga ON | Facebook](#)



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 _____



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St. Catharines Horticultural Society

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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	Plant Sale/Garden Tour	Victoria/Lawn Garden	Special Events	Newsletter, Website & Social Media	Kitchen & Baking	Garden Tour	Plant Sale	Other
November/22										
December/22										
January										
February										
March										
April										
May										
June										
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August										
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Total Hours										