

The Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto



Meetings are held on the last Monday of every month from September to April at the Bonar-Parkdale Presbyterian Church (250 Dunn Ave., just south of Queen St. West). Street parking and a municipal lot are available on Queen Street. Meetings begin informally at 7:00pm with speakers scheduled to start by 7:30pm. The May meeting is held at St. George the Martyr Church, 197 John Street. For more information, e-mail: info@parkdaletorontohort.com or visit our website: www.parkdaletorontohort.com. facebook: facebook.com/parkdaletorontohort / twitter: twitter.com/phort

2017 / 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 25 CLEMENT KENT : GOING UNDERGROUND—THE LIFE OF THE SOIL

We know good *soil* helps the garden, but did you know good *gardens* help the soil? Clement will talk about the mysterious lives of roots and their helpers, and how what you plant can capture CO2 from the air and improve the earth.

OCTOBER 30 SEAN JAMES : ORNAMENTAL WAYS TO HANDLE RAINWATER IN A DOWNPOUR

Are you the last person to unhook your drain spout? Rain gardens can prevent erosion, aid in infiltrating water into the soil and be a beautiful addition to your landscape. Let Sean, of *Sean James Consulting & Design*, suggest creative solutions for rainwater management in your garden.

NOVEMBER 27 HELEN BATTERSBY : THE GARDEN OF REGRETS

Meet the plants you'll wish you'd never planted—and learn how to avoid them (before you do) or live with them (if, sadly, you have). Helen is one of the Battersby sisters behind the delightful award winning blog *Torontogardens.com* and will share her humour and insight on our Toronto gardens.

JANUARY 29 DONNA FENICE : THE GARDENS *ET AL* OF SICILY

Join Donna Fenice as she guides us through the island of Persephone (the Goddess of Spring) to view Sicily's most beautiful and interesting gardens, from a private paradise in the shadow of Mt. Etna, to a small backyard garden on the north-west tip of the island, to the spectacular Botanical Gardens of Palermo.

FEBRUARY 26 JEFF MASON : LEARNING FROM THE GREAT GARDENS OF ENGLAND

Jeff Mason will take us on a trip to some of the most famous gardens in England, including Great Dixter and Sissinghurst. See some really great plants, gardens and nurseries for design ideas and growing tips.

MARCH 26 DAVID LEEMAN : PRIVATE GARDENS OF NORMANDY

Take a behind-the-scene tour of private homes and gardens in the coastal region of Normandy France: including Monet's atelier in Varengeville-sur-Mer, an early Edward Lutyens designed home with a Gertrude Jekyll garden and Princess Sturdza's exquisite forested gardens at Le Jardin du Vasterival.

APRIL 30 PAUL LA PORTE : BUILDING BIODIVERSITY WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Living in the GTA's Greenbelt, Paul has had the opportunity to steward and study numerous native plant communities. Being past president of *The North American Native Plant Society* he will bring tempting natives from his nursery, *Ephemeral Ark*, and tell us *why* and *how* to establish a native-plant garden.

MAY 12 ANNUAL PLANT FAIR

For beginning and sophisticated gardeners—choice plants, herbs and hard-to-get perennials from select GTA nurseries and members' own gardens—all at the best prices in town! Bring your questions to our experts! Check our website for the time and location. (www.parkdaletorontohort.com)

MAY 28 MERRY MAY MEETING

The perfect end to a Horticultural Society year. Enjoy the courtyard garden, enter the flower show, participate in the trivia quiz and share the beauty of your own or a visited garden with digital images in our members' slideshow.

TBA SUMMER

GARDEN TOUR

COACH TOUR

COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR

MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please fill out the registration form below and return it with your cheque payable to:
The Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto, 1938 Bloor St. West, P.O. Box 30023,
Toronto, Ontario M6P 4J2 or bring it to any regular meeting. The membership fee is \$20.



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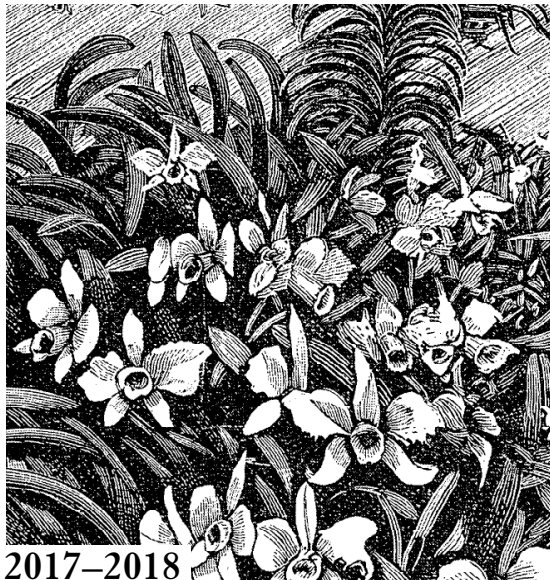
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THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES OF PARKDALE & TORONTO

The Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto were founded in 1987 and 1834 respectively, and were merged in 1988. The Toronto Society was the original donor of the land on which Allan Gardens now stands and, together with the Parkdale Society, continues a tradition of public beautification in central Toronto. The Society is an affiliate of the Ontario Horticultural Association, and is a not-for-profit public service organization recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

MEMBERSHIP

Members need not have their own garden or extensive knowledge of gardening, just an interest in plants, gardens and gardening, in both private and public areas of the city. All manner of gardeners are welcome. Our members make gardens on roof-tops, apartment balconies, indoors, under glass and under lights, outdoors, and some only in their minds. The present membership has approved a suggested annual contribution of \$20 per person to cover our expenses. Seniors, the unemployed and others on limited incomes should pay what they can or help with our work in lieu of fees. Your participation is more important than your dues.

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

- Attendance at monthly meetings including lectures and demonstration workshops
- Access to rare and unusual seeds and plant material
- Subscription to the monthly newsletter
- Participation in field trips, plant sales and social events
- Borrowing privileges from the Hort library

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