



NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS

Newsletter

April 2017

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VOLUNTEERS

2017 Volunteer Registration

A **signed** registration form is required **EVERY YEAR** by each gardener. In order for the City's insurance to cover all volunteers, each person must be registered every year. The 2017 Registration Forms have been e-mailed to previous volunteers.

Hard copies can be found at the Museum, Education Nights and the Heritage Gardeners office. Please contact



the Volunteer Coordinator/Administrator for a digital copy.

Click [HERE](#) to print your own copy.

Incentive Program

Once the registration form has been returned, your membership card will be issued. This entitles you to some great discounts at local stores and businesses. The discounts allow merchants and business owners to thank you for all the great work that you do at the waterfront!

Cards will be printed in batches of ten and sent to each gardener by mail along with the hours tracking form and an updated copy of the list of discounts. New discounts will be added to the page on the website and will be mentioned in the newsletter as they are added. The sooner you send in your registration form the sooner you can take advantage of the discounts!

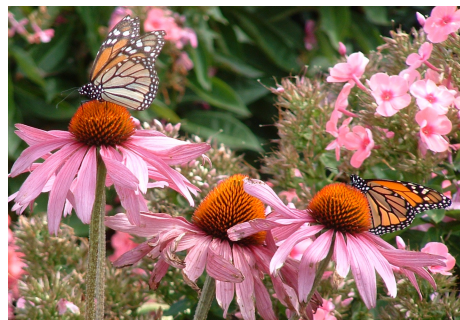
Thank you to all the businesses who have participated in this incentive program to date. If you know of a business who would like to participate (or wish a certain business would be included) please have them contact the coordinator.

Use your card throughout the year and support North Bay's local businesses!

Honorary Heritage Gardener

In 1999 the Heritage Gardener's Organization created the Honorary Heritage Gardener of the Year Award to recognize an individual or group in the community who is not a Heritage Gardener. The worthy recipient should exemplify our motto "Community Spirit in Full Bloom", have demonstrated stewardship of the environment and reached out beyond their back yard.

This is an opportunity for Heritage Gardeners to distinguish a person, family or a group in the community who deserves to be acknowledged and recognized. **Last years winner was Sue Buckle from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.** Please take few minutes to reflect upon someone within the community who has inspired you and nominate them to



receive the award.

Please think about who you would like to honor as an Honorary Heritage Gardener and submit your nomination by **Wednesday, May 31, 2017** using the [Nomination Form](#). These forms are also available at the Museum.



The Discovery North Bay Museum remains a drop-off and pick up locations point for volunteers. You may drop off items for Heritage Gardeners at the museum and we can leave items there for you to pick up. Please refer to the museum's [website](#) prior to your visit for their business hours.

We have a blue folder which contains registration forms, hours logs, election and honorary nomination forms, symposium/volunteer appreciation event forms etc. behind the desk of the gift shop.

Volunteer Hours and Log Sheets

Please return your 2016 Hours Log Sheet ASAP, if you have not done so already. Only registered gardeners are invited to the volunteer appreciation event so please talk to your team members to ensure they have received an invitation to the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Heritage Gardeners. Log sheets are available on our website or you may send an e-mail to the office with a total of all your volunteer hours.

Gardening Safety at the Waterfront

As the gardening season begins we need to remind you of safe gardening at the waterfront.

Here is a link to our [safety guidelines](#).
Here is a link to the [Volunteer Handbook](#).

A copy of these guidelines is available from our website as well. Please take a few minutes to re-acquaint yourself with the guidelines before you head out to the waterfront. Each year we remind you that there is a weight limit of 25 pounds per bag for garden debris. Please ensure that you stay under this limit to prevent injury to yourself and staff at the waterfront who have to lift the bags from the ground to their truck for disposal.

Please consider wearing glasses or safety glasses when pruning shrubs and always be careful moving in your garden if you are near shrubs!

EDUCATION NIGHTS

Date	Event	Location	Details
April 6 th 7:00pm	Native Plants	North Bay Public Library, Auditorium	Guest Speaker: Carol Furlonger
May 2 nd 7:00pm	Heritage Trees	North Bay Public Library, Auditorium	Guest Speaker: Edith George
May 13 th 9:00-11:00am	Annual Clean-up Blitz	Rotary Rotunda by the Waterfront	Clean and prune the Waterfront
June 3 rd 12:00pm	20 th Anniversary Celebration	Rotary Rotunda and Kiwanis Band Shell	Live Music and Lunch by the Waterfront. Guest: Mayor Al McDonald
September 7 th 7:00pm	Composting	North Bay Public Library, Auditorium	Speaker TBD
October 6 th and 12 th 7:00pm	Shade Gardening	Discovery North Bay Museum, Canadian Pacific Gallery	Speaker TBD
November 9 th 7:00pm	Seasonal Arrangements	North Bay Public Library, Auditorium	Speaker TBD

ALL Education Night EVENTS ARE FREE!

*Event details subject to change. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator/Administrator to RSVP.

Education Night on Heritage Trees

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7:00-8:00 pm

**LOCATION: Auditorium of the North Bay Public Library
271 Worthington St. E., North Bay**

***You are invited to a FREE evening of education with the
North Bay Heritage Gardeners.***

**On Tuesday, May 2, 2017 our topic is “Heritage Trees” with
Edith George.**

“I am quick to admit my passion for heritage trees...I travel all over the Province of Ontario and answer the questions, “What is a heritage tree?” and “Why is it important to protect them?” using the [Heritage Tree toolkit](#). There are several categories of



requirements in determining whether a tree is worthy of heritage tree recognition and I touch on all of them in the presentation. As a former Director on the Board of the Weston Historical Society and presently an Advisor to the Ontario Urban Forest Council, my expertise is in the Social Category which includes historical and cultural significance. Using my neighbourhood’s great red oak as my example tree, I combine my passion of local history and conservation in a presentation titled, “Heritage Tree – Preserving Our Natural

Roots". As more people learn about the importance of our natural roots, they'll understand the need for identifying and preserving this special part of our history that is often overlooked and even taken for granted".

A lone person can champion the protection of heritage trees and be successful. Edith created a PowerPoint presentation geared to adults and children alike showing them how to find heritage trees and take protective action. She selected an old red oak (250+ yrs old) found in her neighbour's back yard and demonstrates how to assess heritage value. She takes her light-and-sound show on the road, responding to requests from a variety of individuals and communities.

**From the Ontario Urban Forest Council website.*



Participants are asked to pre-register by noon Tuesday, May 2, 2017 by calling 705 472-4006 or e-mailing heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com

HERITAGE GARDENERS NEWS

NEW HERITAGE GARDENERS WEBSITE!

www.northbayheritagegardeners.com

WE ARE HIRING!

The North Bay Heritage Gardeners are looking for 4 summer students to join us for the 2017 gardening season. For more information, please visit the Current Opportunities page on our new website, or click [HERE!](#) Spread the word! Interested candidates are asking to submit a Resume and Cover Letter to heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com



Open Executive Committee Positions 2017

1. Executive Committee Recording Secretary

The Executive Committee Recording Secretary is a volunteer position that reports to the Executive Committee Co-Chairs. The purpose of the Recording Secretary is to record the meeting minutes and maintain the records of the Executive meetings. Responsibilities of this role include recording and distributing meeting minutes.

2. Executive Committee Advisor

The Executive Committee Advisor position is a volunteer position that reports to the Executive Committee Co-chairs. The purpose of the position is to offer advice to the Co-Chairs and the Executive on policies, procedures, and organizational performances for the successful functioning of the organization. Responsibilities include providing guidance to the Executive members and reviewing procedures.

Commitment

The time commitment for each position is approximately two hours each month to attend Executive Committee meetings and other activities.

If you are interested in joining the North Bay Heritage Gardener's Executive Committee, please send contact the Volunteer Coordinator/Administrator.

New Executive Committee Members

Lesley Smith

Executive Committee Advisor

Please welcome Lesley Smith to the North Bay Heritage Gardeners as the new Executive Committee Advisor.

"As a new resident to North Bay I wanted to find a volunteer organization that would help me integrate into the community. Volunteering gives me the chance to vote every day about the kind of community and world I want to live in. It gives me the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself and use my civic responsibility for the greater good." - Lesley Smith



A note from some current Executive Committee Members...



Harriett Madigan

Co-chair

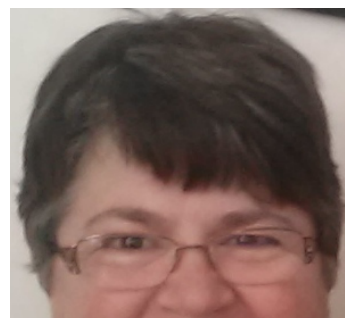
"I have watched this volunteer organization evolve for 20 years under the guidance of the executive members.

The Heritage Gardeners organization has been a highlight in my life! We meet 10 times a year, and also meet for occasional dinners and socials. I've enjoyed the company and learned from such wise, thoughtful and community-minded women. I highly recommend getting involved at the executive level..."

Frances McParland

Co-chair

"I have been on the Heritage Gardeners' Executive Committee since September 2015, and I've always been impressed by the dedication of the Volunteers and staff to this organization. The Heritage Gardeners Executive



meetings and events run seamlessly and in a very professional manner. We have a lot of fun and I have made some great friends and met so many wonderful people. North Bay is a great place to live and we are very fortunate to have such a great group of gardeners helping to beautify our waterfront."



Wanda Wallace

Corresponding Secretary

"I love beauty and I am proud to play a small part in the beautification of North Bay's waterfront. It is important to continue to enhance the gift of North Bay's waterfront. I have been Team Leader of Bed #4 for 20 years. It is a joy to work every Monday evening with our volunteer team. They are amazing! The Executive team is another very important component on the success of the Heritage Gardening program. It is not an onerous task and I have been co-chair twice and held other positions over the period of 20 years. I honestly have gained more than I have given to the Heritage Gardener organization. Previous gardening experience is not a prerequisite since there are many learning opportunities available."

Volunteer Coordinator/Administrator Update

heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com

- A 2017 Gardening Registration form has to be completed before you start gardening.
- Please contact me if you would like to be part of the Executive Committee.
- If you wish to attend events such as the Clean-up Blitz, 20th Anniversary Celebration or Education Nights, please RSVP.
- Now accepting Summer Student applications! We have 4 open positions!

- Jade Scognamillo

Horticultural Coordinator Update

cfurlonger3700@gmail.com

- Please direct your waterfront design questions to the above e-mail address.

- Carol Furlonger

EVENTS

20th Anniversary Celebration of the North Bay Heritage Gardeners

Saturday, June 3, 2017

From 10:00 AM

Location: North Bay Waterfront Park, Rotary Picnic Shelter, Kiwanis Band Shell

"Community Spirit in Full Bloom"

Join us at the waterfront to celebrate 20 years of Heritage Gardeners!

In 2017, the North Bay Heritage Gardeners will be celebrating a 20th Anniversary. The group's main focus is to enhance and beautify the North Bay Waterfront and other approved locations. The waterfront attracts many tourists to the area, and we are pleased to have played a major role in the beautification of this area. The North Bay Heritage Gardeners is a non-profit group dedicated to developing a year-round, community-based, educational, horticultural, and environmental program.

This year, we will be hosting a 20th anniversary and volunteer recognition event. Our goal is to recognize and thank the over 300 volunteers who have worked hard to maintain the waterfront.



Schedule of Events:

10:00 AM: All aboard the Chief Commanda II.

10:30 AM: Chief Commanda commences a 1 ½ hour cruise around Lake Nipissing

12:00 PM: Shore lunch at Waterfront Park, Rotary Picnic Shelter

*All guests are encouraged to bring chairs/blankets.

*Children and families are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT: Maple Hill Project performance at Kiwanis Band Shell.

May 29, 2017 – June 4, 2017, has been proclaimed "Heritage Gardeners Week."

Mayor Al McDonald will be reading the proclamation at the event.

Please make sure you have filled out a 2017 Gardening Registration form to attend the boat cruise.



Do not hesitate to call or e-mail the Volunteer Coordinator/Administrator with questions and inquiries.

Please note that this event is being held in place of the annual Symposium volunteer appreciation event.

**Spring Team Leaders Meeting
&
Executive Elections 2017**

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Canadian Pacific Gallery of Discovery North Bay Museum

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Coffee, tea & dessert

Please RSVP by noon, Tuesday, March 29, 2017

Phone: 705 472 4006 or Email: heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com

Please come ready to tell us when you will be gardening in 2017!

If you are unable to attend, please send an alternate and let us know who it is. Team List, T-shirts, Name Tags and Registration forms will be available.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction of Team Leaders and Executive Committee Members
2. Volunteer Coordinator Update, Jade Scognamillo
3. Design Team Chair, Horticulture Coordinator, Carol Furlonger
4. Team Gardening Schedule
5. Safety Reminders

6. Clean up Blitz on May 13, 2017
7. Review process of requesting supplies, shed equipment, keys
8. Reminders about fertilizing (trees and bulbs)
9. 2017 is the 20th Anniversary of Heritage Gardeners
10. Honorary Gardener Nominations
11. Executive Elections 2017

New Heritage Gardeners Website!

www.northbayheritagegardeners.com

Check out the New Heritage Gardeners Website that can easily be viewed on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Stay connected and updated by following the North Bay Heritage Gardeners on Social Media.

INTERESTING READS

Fundraising Items for Sale

Sprouting kits.....\$25.00 plus tax
200g Organic mung beans..... \$3.00
400g Organic mung beans.....\$5.00
Pollen Bee Emergence chambers
.....\$20.00 plus tax
Pollen Bee Nests..... \$17.70 plus tax
**by Armstrong and Blackburny*
Blank note cards of waterfront images
.....4 for \$7.00
Cooling Scarves.....\$6.50 each
**made by Heritage Gardener volunteers from the
Secret Keepers team.*
Seeds.....\$1.00/package

Friends of Laurier Woods

2017 Guided Walks & Events
Click [HERE](#) for the schedule.

Gardening for Butterflies

Q & A Session by the Cochrane District
Master Gardeners
To watch the video, click [HERE](#) .

LivingEARTH

Community Food Forest Presentations

- Echinacea Purpurea
- Echinacea Pallida
- Rudebeckia Hirta "Goldstrum"
- Gaillardia

Blue Bird Houses..... \$39.95 plus tax

These items are available for purchase in the museum gift shop through the cash register.

Master Gardeners



The North Bay Area Master Gardeners are one of our many local partners. Many current and former Master Gardeners volunteer with us as Heritage Gardeners and help with Education Night speeches. We encourage you to check their website and to contact them via email with any houseplant, annual, perennial, herb, shrub, tree or vegetable gardening questions you may have at any time throughout the year.

Contact the North Bay Area Master Gardeners at northbaymastergardeners@hotmail.com

Interested in becoming a Master Gardener?

& Planting

To view the schedule, please click [HERE](#).

Earth Day, April 22, 2017

How was Earth Day? Find out [HERE](#)!



Hay Bale Gardening

Hay bale gardening means no weeds, no fertilizer and less watering. This is an amazing but simple concept. To read the full article and watch an informative video, click [HERE](#).

Submissions for the Next Newsletter

Submissions for the May newsletter will be accepted until May 22, 2017, to be published late June, 2017.

Don't forget you can unsubscribe at any time using the unsubscribe button below but you may miss out on important notifications concerning waterfront gardening and great gardening information!

You can update your information by

Click [HERE](#) to access The Master Gardeners of Ontario website for the information you need to know.

5 of the World's Most Bizarre Seeds

Click [HERE](#) for an interesting and informative video about some of the world's most bizarre seeds.

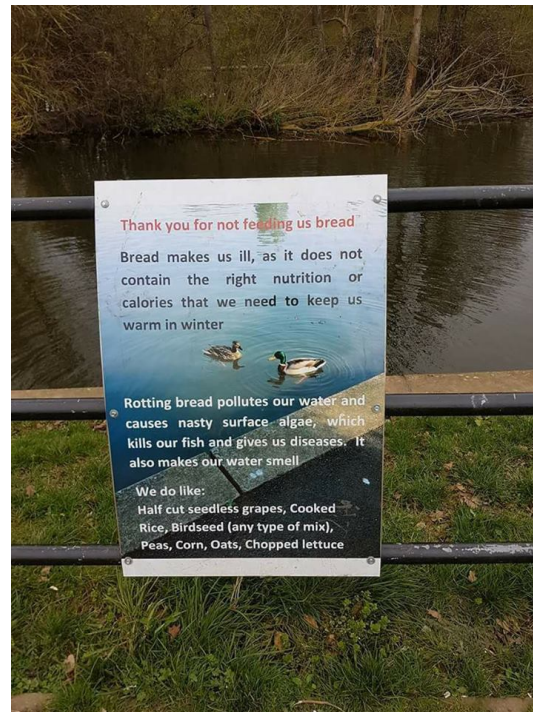


Thank you for reading the North Bay Heritage Gardener's March 2017 Newsletter.

Your support as a volunteer is always appreciated.

*"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill.*

clicking update subscription information.



Office Hours

245 Oak St. W. Suite 112
Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm.
**closed from 12:30-1:30 for lunch*

These hours are subject to change without notice. Please call or email to ensure that someone will be there and wait for confirmation.



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