



NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS

Community Spirit in Full Bloom



OUR NEW YEAR IN REVIEW

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**A BEAUTIFUL
SHOWING OF
PERENNIALS
FROM LAST
SUMMER IN BED
18 ALONG THE
BOARDWALK!**

IMPORTANT DATES

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JUNE

● **New Tool Demonstration and Shed Tour** - Tuesday, June 23rd, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Heritage Gardeners' Shed (133 Memorial Drive)

JULY

● **Enchanted Family Fun Fest** - Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Lee Park

● **Flow In the Gardens** - Thursday, July 23rd from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Waterfront

AUGUST

● **Pollinators in the Park** - Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM behind the North Bay Museum

SEPTEMBER

● **Team Leaders Meeting** - Date to be confirmed, at the North Bay Museum

● **Fall Foraging Walk** - Date to be determined, walk will be led by Lucy offsite



Our Education Team is excited to share a lineup of upcoming events. Dates will be announced once plans are finalized and shared with our mailing list and social media followers. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Saturday, July 18th — Enchanted Family Fun Fest

Visit the North Bay Heritage Gardeners at the Enchanted Family Fun Fest between 10:00am and 5:00pm at Lee Park! Enjoy family-friendly crafts, learn about our work in the community, and enter our Floral Arrangement Contest. Arrangements will be judged by NBHG Executive members and then donated to Nipissing Serenity Hospice, helping spread a little beauty throughout our community.

Thursday, July 23rd — Flow in the Gardens

Enjoy a relaxing sensory yoga session, poetry reading, music, and an opportunity to have a picnic with fellow gardeners, friends, or family. A perfect opportunity to slow down and experience the gardens in a new way. Bring a yoga mat, some snacks, and your loved ones!

Saturday, August 8th — Pollinators in the Park

Taking place during the North Bay Farmers' Market and in partnership with the North Bay Museum, this event celebrates pollinators and the important role they play in our environment. This free, family-friendly event welcomes the entire community and will offer a variety of hands-on activities, including crafts, planting, button-making, face painting, and a photo booth, creating an engaging and educational experience for all ages.

Magical Market

- ◆ 40+ Amazing Small Businesses & Local Groups
- ◆ Guided Creations activities (fun DIY and arts for all)

Contests & Games

- ◆ Costume Contests
- ◆ Flower Arrangement Contest
- ◆ Prizes for Contest Winners

TRINKET TRADE

GIANT GAMES

WISHING WELL



LIVE MUSIC



FACE PAINTING

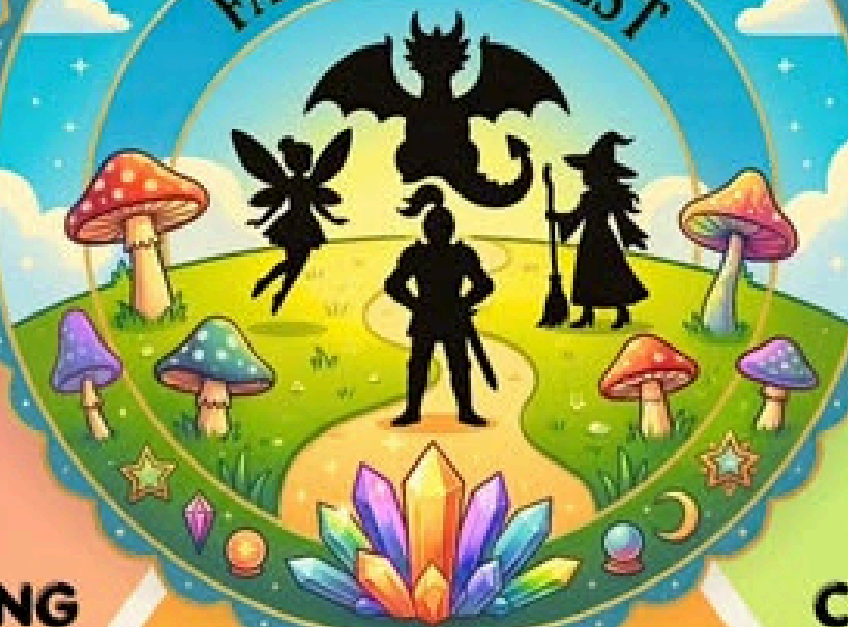


ICE CREAM & SNACKS



ENCHANTED

FAMILY FUN FEST



FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN



HENNA ART



CARICATURES



BUBBLE WONDERS



FREE ENTRY



Sat, July 18th, 2026

10am - 5pm

Lee Park, North Bay



DRESSING UP IS OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED





NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS

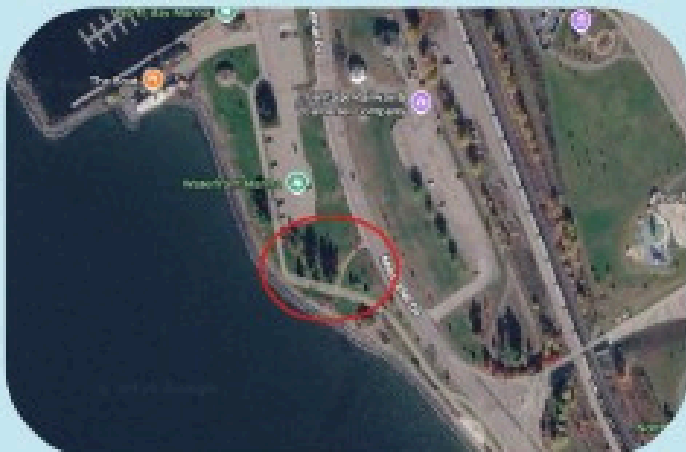


FLOW

In the Garden

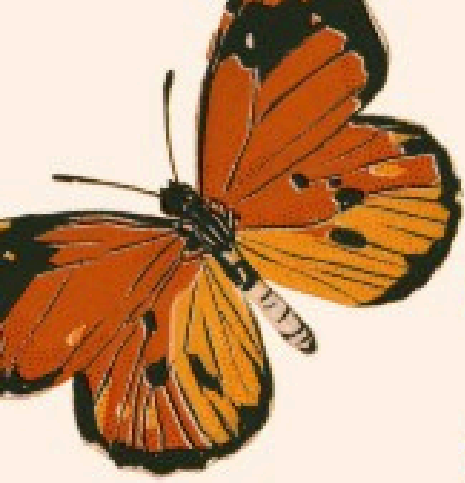


Enjoy a relaxing sensory yoga session, poetry, live music, and the opportunity to share a picnic with fellow gardeners, friends, and family. This peaceful gathering is a wonderful chance to slow down and experience the gardens in a new way. Bring a yoga mat, a few snacks, and your loved ones, and join us for an evening of connection and relaxation.



**AT THE NORTH BAY
WATERFRONT**

BETWEEN BEDS 23 AND 24
THURSDAY, JULY 23RD
7:00PM TO 8:30PM



NORTH BAY
HERITAGE
GARDENERS

POLLINATORS
In the Park

Join the North Bay Heritage Gardeners for a
fun family event!

Held in partnership with the North Bay Museum,
Pollinators in the Park celebrates pollinators and
the important role they play in our environment.

This free, family-friendly event is open to the
public and will feature activities including a photo
booth, crafts, planting, button-making, and face
painting, offering a fun and educational
afternoon for visitors of all ages.

BEHIND THE NORTH BAY MUSEUM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

10:00AM TO 2:00PM

 **north bay
museum**



DESIGN POLICY & TEAM UPDATE

We are excited to share that we are currently in the process of **creating a Design Policy**. This document will serve as a handbook for our volunteers, helping to explain what we do at the waterfront, our overall design focus and purpose, and how we use mirroring and echoing throughout our gardens to create a cohesive landscape. It will also provide further guidance on our approach to plant and tree selection and management. Our hope is that this resource will help team leaders and volunteers better understand the reasoning behind many of the design choices made throughout the gardens and provide a clearer picture of our long-term vision for the waterfront.

We are also pleased to announce that **the Design Team has a new leader this year: Anna-Marie Morton!** Anna is the team leader of Bed 16 along the boardwalk and has been doing an incredible job in her new role. Her enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication have already made a wonderful impact on the team.

If you have any plant or design-related questions, please feel free to contact Kyra, who can connect you with Anna. **The Design Team is always happy to help with redesign ideas, suggestions, troubleshooting garden challenges, or simply discussing ideas for your garden space.**

The Design Team is also always looking for more volunteers to join and share their ideas, creativity, and gardening knowledge. If you are interested in becoming part of the team, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have experience with garden design or simply enjoy helping others create beautiful spaces, there is a place for you on the Design Team. Thank you to Ann-Marie and all of our Design Team volunteers for helping our waterfront continue to grow and flourish!

NEWSLETTERS AND MAILING LIST

For those in the community who may be interested in volunteering or learning more about our work and culture, we invite them to [visit our website](#) to join our mailing list. If you no longer wish to receive updates, you can easily unsubscribe at the bottom this email.

**Stories from the
season you would like
to share?**
Please email us!

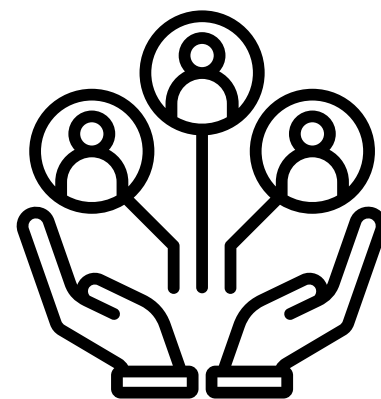


INSIDE THE ORGANIZATION

NEWS & UPDATES

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As we approach our Annual Volunteer Symposium and Luncheon, it is the perfect time to shine a spotlight on our **Executive Committee!** This team is the driving force behind our organization, taking charge of everything from event planning and budget reviews, to designing our beautiful gardens—and so much more! While serving on the Committee requires a time commitment and responsibility, it's also an exciting and fulfilling opportunity to make a real impact. **If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee or one of our sub-committees—such as Design, Education, or Sponsorship—we would love to hear from you! We are always looking to have more passionate people on board to help shape our future.**



**INTERESTED?
EMAIL US
FOR MORE
INFO!**

New Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome some familiar and new faces to our gardening team this season!

Cristina Lella has officially joined us in the gardens as our Horticultural Assistant. Many of you may already know Cristina as a dedicated volunteer gardener in Bed 1. We are thrilled to have her bring her passion, knowledge, and enthusiasm to our staff team.

We are also happy to welcome back **Tyler Lemieux** as one of our Gardening Helpers. Many of our gardeners will remember Tyler from last season, and we are delighted to have him return for another year at the waterfront.

Joining Tyler this season is Jack Buckley, a student at the University of Ottawa. Jack has already proven to be a wonderful addition to the team, and we are excited to have him working alongside us this summer.

Be sure to say hello to Lucy, Cristina, Tyler, and Jack when you see them out in the gardens!



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**Community
Builders Awards**
2026 Winner

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARD SUCCESS

We are excited to share that the North Bay Heritage Gardeners have been named the recipient of the 2026 BayToday Community Builders Award in the **Environment category**! This recognition celebrates the work our organization does to beautify North Bay's waterfront, support environmental education, and bring our community together through gardening. **While this award is a wonderful honour for our organization, it truly belongs to our incredible volunteers.** Every garden bed planted, every weed pulled, every conversation shared, and every hour spent caring for the waterfront is made possible because of the dedication and passion of our gardeners. Our volunteers are the heart of what we do,

and this recognition is a reflection of the impact they have made in creating a beautiful and welcoming space for our community to enjoy. Thank you to all of our volunteers, team leaders, committee members, partners, and supporters who help make our mission possible year after year. We are so grateful to be part of such a caring and passionate community, and we look forward to continuing to grow, learn, and make North Bay's waterfront bloom!

HERITAGE RAILWAY & CAROUSEL GARDEN

The Heritage Gardeners have officially adopted the gardens at the Train and Carousel. For the past four years, a dedicated group of volunteers led by Wanda Wallace has managed these gardens, focusing on the preparation, design, and planting of annuals.

These annuals are a unique exception to our usual mandate of perennials, providing vibrant color throughout the summer and fall for carousel and train visitors. The Train and Carousel group also supports these beds financially with compost and plants.

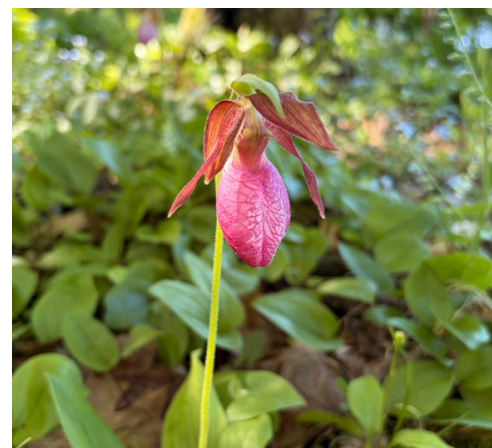
We are **looking for a team leader to collaborate** with the current ad hoc team and help transition responsibilities. For more information, please contact Kyra Bates.



Moccasin Flowers (also known as Pink Lady's Slippers) are so sensitive that they should never be picked or transplanted from the wild.

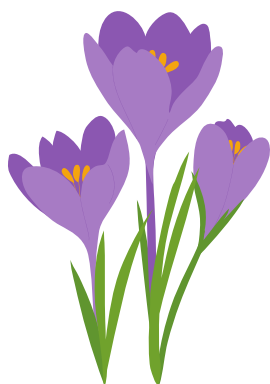
These beautiful native orchids get their name from their distinctive pouch-like bloom, which resembles a tiny slipper or moccasin. They rely on a specialized relationship with fungi in the soil, making them extremely difficult to move successfully. In many parks and protected areas, it is also illegal to remove or damage wild plants.

In June, our Office Administrator, Kyra, was delighted to spot several Moccasin Flowers while hiking just south of Parry Sound. These striking native orchids are among Ontario's most recognizable wildflowers and typically bloom from late May through June. While their vibrant pink blooms may tempt passersby to take a closer look, the best way to enjoy them is to admire them where they grow naturally. Picking the flowers can prevent seed production, and transplanted specimens rarely survive. By leaving them undisturbed, we can help ensure future generations have the opportunity to enjoy these remarkable native plants.



POETRY CORNER

Retired Heritage Gardener Lorna Jackson has been kindly sending in some of her poetry to be included in our newsletters! This special piece was shared at our Symposium in April!



Spring Colours

Spring is here! Soon the fields will glow
With nature's colours taken from a rainbow:

Sky blue forget-me-nots

Sun yellow buttercups

Sunset orange day lilies

New green leaves on the trees

And the Waterfront gardens

Will add to the show:

Purple tulips

Red roses

Pink petunias

Mauve lilacs

Then nature adds a final touch...

White fluffy clouds looking down below!

Lorna Jackson, 2026

We didn't receive any questions for our "Ask a Gardener" feature, but we still wanted to share a helpful seasonal tip that came up in a recent conversation: **pruning burning bush (Euonymus alatus).**

Burning bush is best pruned in late winter or early spring before new growth begins. At this time, you can remove dead, damaged, or crossing branches and lightly shape the shrub

if needed. It's important to avoid heavy pruning during the growing season, as this can stress the plant and reduce its natural form and fall colour display. In some cases, older shrubs can also be rejuvenated gradually by removing up to one-third of the oldest stems over a few years.

If you have any gardening questions - whether simple or complex - we would still love to hear them! Please send them to Kyra, our Office Administrator, and we'll include selected questions and answers in upcoming newsletters.



Firelight Hydrangeas

Take a look at the progression of three beautiful firelight hydrangeas by our Seniors Plaque in the space between Beds 40W and 40E!

They are thriving in the space and we thank Heather, Rich and Judy for planting these in 2024!



GARDEN PHOTOS



**BED 44
GRAPE HYACINTHS**



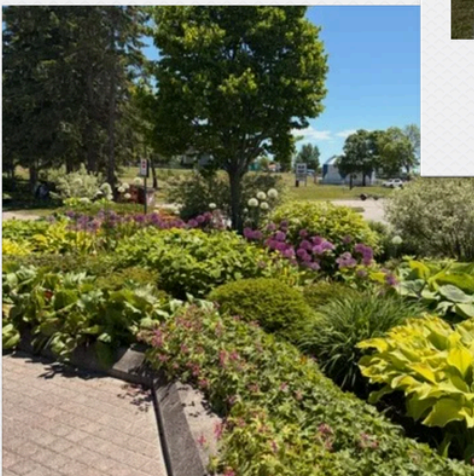
**BED 8A
FLOWERS**



**NEW HG
TENT**



**PEONY HOOP
MAKERS**



**PLANT MANAGERS
BED 18**



**WEED WARRIORS
BED 42**

GARDEN PHOTOS



**SUNSET
AT THE SHED**



**BED 4
SPRING CLEAN UP**



**WATER HERO KYLE
FROM PARKS**



**STUNNING LILIES
BED 40W**



**RAISED BED
FLOWER SHOW**



**RAISING THE SKIRT
KOREAN LILAC**

OUR GARDEN MAP



North Bay Heritage Gardeners Waterfront Garden Map

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| 1 - Native Species Arboretum* | 15 - Rake It Till you Make It | 25 - Heritage Railway and Carousel Beds | 44 and 45 - Positive Perennials |
| 4 - Flower Power | 16 - Grateful Diggers | 29 - Secret Garden | 46 - City Managed Garden |
| 5 - Forget-Me-Nots | 18 - Plant Managers | 30 - Rockettes | 47 - Fortune Tillers |
| 7 - Morning Glories | 19 - NBHG Managed Bed | 31 - Birch Island | 48 and 54 - Red Bloomers |
| 8 - Weed Whackers | 20 - NBHG Managed Bed | 38 - Weedeaters | 50 - Puppy Willows |
| 8A - NNPCN Pollinators | 21 - Spruce Beetles | 39 - Dragonflies | 52 - Secret Keepers |
| 9 - NBHG Managed Bed | 22 - Island Clippers | 40W - Happy Vonderers | 55 - I Wet My Plants - Amelia Beach |
| 10 and 11 - Phelps Pruners | 23, 26, and 27 - The Voyageurs | 40E - Bouquet Bandits | U1 and U2 - Dirty Dozen |
| 12 - NBHG Managed Bed | 23A - Green Thumbs | 42 - Weed Warriors - Pink Ribbon Bed | |
| 13 - Hosta La Vista | 24 - Rotary Pollinator Bed | 43 - Crazy Daisies | |

*Location of the Native Species Arboretum Audio Tour

Over the last winter, Kyra worked with our wonderful Committee to design a new and improved map of our waterfront gardens. At the beginning of the season, this map was shared with our volunteers, both new and returning, in the hopes that everyone could become more familiar with the many beautiful spaces we care for! As seen above, our gardens cover a huge stretch of the waterfront, extending from the northern start of Memorial Drive all the way down to Amelia Beach. We encourage our volunteers to not only visit their own beds, but to take the time to explore other teams' gardens as well. Each garden has its own unique style, and visiting other beds is a great way to gather ideas, find inspiration, discover new plants, and learn from the creativity and hard work of fellow volunteers. Our waterfront is a shared space, and together we continue to make it a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy!

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Dorothy DeKiewiet

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our dear friend and fellow gardener, Dorothy DeKiewiet, who passed away in May. While we are saddened by her loss, we wanted to take a moment to honour Dorothy's memory and share a few photos that celebrate the time she spent with our community.

Dorothy was a member of the North Bay Heritage Gardeners' **Weed Warriors** for three years, where she shared her love of nature, her dedication to keeping our waterfront beautiful, and her willingness to work hard alongside her fellow volunteers. She was a valued member of the team and will be remembered for her kindness, positivity, and commitment.

Beyond her work with the gardens, Dorothy was also a cherished senior member of the Warriors of Hope Dragon Boat Racing Team. She was fearless, compassionate, and an inspiration to those around her, always arriving at paddle practice with a smile and ready to give her very best.

Dorothy's warmth, strength, and love for the community will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. We are grateful for the time she shared with us and for the many ways she helped make our waterfront and our community a better place.

To read more about Dorothy's life and legacy, please visit her obituary: <https://www.baytoday.ca/obituaries/de-kiewiet-dorothy-12250385>

