

PCHS 2022 Program

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COMPETITION GUIDANCE

SHOW REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS, EXAMPLES OF DESIGNS, ETC CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

<http://pteclairehort.org/documents/showdefinitions.pdf>

POINTE-CLAIRE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Pointe-Claire Horticultural Society is a non-profit association whose aim is to foster interest in all types of gardening.

The Society meets at 7:30 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month except May (3rd Wed.). No monthly meetings in June, July, August and December.

We have guest speakers (either in-house or virtually) and hold various events throughout the year. This may include a plant sale, a plant exchange, members' garden tours and an outing.

Meetings are conducted in English. Virtual meetings are held via Zoom. In house meetings are held at: ***St. Columba by-the-lake Church, 11 Rodney Ave., Pointe-Claire, QC*** (parking on Vincennes)

The annual family membership is \$20.00. Visitors are asked to pay \$5.00 for each event/meeting they attend.

After August 31st a family membership is \$10.00 for the balance of the calendar year.

Members are entitled to a discount at certain local nurseries. Bring your membership card.

LA SOCIÉTÉ D'HORTICULTURE DE POINTE-CLAIRE

La société d'horticulture de Pointe-Claire est une association à but non lucratif qui a comme objectif d'encourager la pratique de tous les types de jardinage.

Ses membres se réunissent généralement le quatrième mercredi du mois à 19h 30 tous les mois sauf en mai et juin (3^e mercredi). Il n'y a aucune réunion mensuelle en juin, juillet, août et décembre.

La Société invite des conférenciers et organise plusieurs événements chaque année. Généralement, au cours de l'année, ces événements comprennent une vente de plantes, un échange de plantes, des visites de jardins des membres et une excursion.

Les réunions, qui se déroulent en anglais, ont lieu en personne à :
L'église St. Columba by-the-lake, 11 Rodney Ave., Pointe-Claire, QC (stationnement sur Vincennes). En temps de pandémie, elles ont lieu virtuellement par Zoom.

La cotisation familiale annuelle est de 20 \$. Les visiteurs sont priés de verser 5 \$ par réunion ou événement auxquels ils assistent.

Après le 31 août, la cotisation est réduite à 10 \$ pour le reste de l'année civile.

Les membres ont droit à une réduction chez certains pépiniéristes locaux. Apportez votre carte de membre.

2022 PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 26 - 7:30 p.m. <i>(members only)</i>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Award-winning Landscape Projects Presented by Claude Daccord
Wednesday February 9 - 7:00 pm	<i>The basics of indoor and outdoor mushroom cultivation</i> Presented by Michael Loyer <i>via the Beaconsfield Club</i>
Wednesday, February 23 - 7:30 p.m.	Nature's conservation starts in your yard. (Permaculture & Ecological Landscaping) Presented by Annie Martin
Wednesday March 9 - 7:00 pm	<i>A Brief Introduction to Bonsai</i> Presented by Rafael Najmanovich <i>via the Beaconsfield Club</i>
Wednesday, March 23 - 7:30 p.m.	Proud of my Pruning Presented by Sean James
Wednesday April 13 - 7:00 pm	<i>Suburban fruit trees and shrubs</i> Presented by Ken Taylor <i>via the Beaconsfield Club</i>
Wednesday, April 27 - 7:30 p.m.	Climbing Plants for the Home and Garden Presented by Christie-Ann Lovat Design competition: Promise of Spring - a pot-et-fleurs design
Wednesday May 11 - 7:00 pm	<i>Soil and Plant Maintenance</i> Presented by Dr. Caroline Begg <i>via the Beaconsfield Club</i>
Wednesday, May 18 - 7:30 p.m.	SPRING COMPETITION Building/designing outdoor planters Presented by Irene P., Anne B. & Wanda M.
Saturday, May 28 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	PLANT SALE Location: Parking lot for the Valois Train Station (to be confirmed)
Sunday, June 5 - TBD p.m.	Members' Garden Tour - - SPRING
Saturday July 30 - time TBD	Outing: Bus Tour in the countryside to unknown destinations.
Sunday, August 7 - TBD p.m.	Members' Garden Tour - - SUMMER
Wednesday, Sept 28 - 7:30 p.m.	Designing your Fall Garden Presented by Robert Pavlis
Saturday October 1 - 10:00 a.m.	Trading Post: a plant exchange A park in Pte. Claire
Wednesday, October 26 - 7:30 p.m.	Lessons from my Travels Presented by Paul Zammit
Wednesday, November 23 - 7:30 p.m.	Party Time at the PCHS: Demonstration of holiday designs Photo contest (see p.11)

HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Valois area of Pointe-Claire was settled in part by people who brought their love of gardening with them. A small group of these gardeners decided to attract kindred spirits by forming a gardening society. In the early spring of 1933, the Valois Citizen's Association appointed a committee, under Chairman Thomas Dick, for the purpose of encouraging gardening in the neighbourhood. The result of the committee's work was the formation of the Valois Horticultural Society in May 1934.

The Society began to hold monthly meetings at the Church of the Resurrection on Mount Pleasant Ave. and flower and vegetable shows were held. Garden competitions also took place in which members could enter their gardens in different categories. The fledgling Society's motto was "Have a Garden This Year."

When Valois was incorporated into the City of Pointe-Claire, the Valois Horticultural Society decided to follow suit and became the Pointe-Claire Horticultural Society (PCHS). Around 1966/67, the Lakeshore Rose and Bloom Show was initiated. This annual event brought three West Island horticultural societies - Pointe-Claire, Beaconsfield and Dorval - together in lively competition until 2001. It was held solely by Pointe-Claire until 2019.

In May 1999 PCHS held the first of what has now become an annual spring plant sale in the park opposite the Valois train station.

AND NOW:

When the Church of the Resurrection found a new landlord in November of 2019, the PCHS found a new home at St. Columba by-the-Lake church. We met in the church hall for a few months - - until Covid-19 closed all social activities. Thanks to social media we have not lost touch with our membership and our Program Committee has found a diverse group of lecturers from throughout Canada to entertain and inform us on our usual Wednesday evening meetings. Covid-19 has been a bit of a boon to our club as many people sought gardening as an outlet. As a consequence, our membership is now up to 144 people and they come from many different communities - - one doesn't have to live in Pointe Claire to become a member.

The Pointe-Claire Horticultural Society is now 88 years young (2022) and we hope celebrate this anniversary in person this year. Come join the fun and bring a friend or two - - new members and visitors are always welcome. We encourage our members to try new approaches to gardening by offering a stimulating diverse program. Our Program Committee is searching for new and interesting speakers and plan to hold our annual plant sale, garden tours, plant exchange and we may even squeeze in a design competition or flower contest. In addition, we are working on an outing to new destinations where we hope to find new ideas and plants to work into our gardens.

Life Members

Olive Balderson	Lorna Cappelli	Maria Costa	Margaret Jackson
Maureen Meloche	Doreen Murphy	Mary Jill Quinlan	Joan Whattam

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

2020 and 2021 were interesting years for our Horticultural Society. We were very happy to see that many new members joined our club, even if it was virtually. We were able to meet new speakers, have at least one tour of some gardens of our members and organize our plant sale and plant exchange events - - thanks to our enthusiastic executive and the many volunteers who made these events enjoyable.

The City of Pointe-Claire continues to support our group with access to the city parks and the tables, etc. needed to hold these events. The ever-popular Spring Plant Sale, organized by Irene Perstinger, was the most successful one to date. Our Trading Post (a plant exchange between members) was organized by Irene Perstinger and Anne Brohan and, as usual, almost everything disappeared - - it's hard to resist a bargain. We thank all the members who volunteered their time & donated items to these popular events.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold some events due to covid-19 restrictions. As a consequence, we were unable to hold flower shows and enjoy our annual bus trip to new public and/or private gardens and new nurseries. Just prior to the onset of covid-19 we held a seed exchange after our Annual General Meeting (AGM) - - a new in-house event for us.

Over the last 2 years we have had the pleasure of hearing from some new guest lecturers as well as renewing the acquaintance of known favourites: New presenters included Annie Martin who talked about Permaculture and Ecological Landscaping, Jim Lounsbury of Vineland Nurseries who talked about Little Known Gems for the Garden, Kenneth C. Brown who told us about Vertical Veggies, Hazel Cook of Blossom Hill Nursery who promoted their prize-winning Delphiniums and how to grow them, Heinke Theissen who took us on a tour of Gardens of Ireland and a great favourite presenter Paul Zammit who showed us how to garden without flowers. All of these lectures, with the exception of Annie Martin who managed to meet with us just prior to shut-down, were held with the help of Google Meet and Zoom. We were also offered the chance to view other presentations arranged by both Beaconsfield and the Hudson garden clubs, some were just great and the one from Australia was fantastic.

Our thanks go out to all who organized these events, who opened their gardens on the tours, who cared for the Paradise Project flower bed and who volunteered to help.

We would like to invite our members to volunteer to join the executive committee. We're sure there is a lot of talent among our membership and a few new people would help our current executive to relax a bit. There are openings for a Show Convenor, Publicity, Zoom manager and members at large (to help out). Please contact Wanda Mitkiewicz, our president ASAP to volunteer for these wonderful openings on our executive 514-695-3147 or wandamit@hotmail.com. All clubs need new people to bring fresh ideas - - come help us grow (and we don't just mean in the garden).

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2022

President	Wanda Mitkiewicz
Vice-President	Irene Perstinger
Secretary	Mary Jane de Koos
Treasurer	Moira Miller-Valentine
Assistant Treasurer	Doreen Murphy
Members at Large	
Publicity	OPEN
Webmaster	Sabrina Alfonso
Zoom Manager	OPEN/Doreen Murphy
Show Convenor	OPEN/Sabrina Alfonso
Refreshments	N. Hadida/Diane Durant
Membership	Doreen Murphy
Draw & door prizes	Irene Perstinger
Day Trip/Bus Tour	Natalie Hadida
Garden Tours	N. Hadida/Diane Durant
Plant Sale	Irene Perstinger/Anne Brohan
Trading Post	Anne Brohan/Irene Perstinger
Program Committee	OPEN/ A. Brohan/D. Murphy/I. Perstinger
Photographers	OPEN/M. J. de Koos/Catherine Pikulik
Community Service	Catherine Pikulik (floral arrangements for the Pointe-Claire Library) Jane-Marie Carroll (Paradise Project)

SPRING PLANT SALE

MAY 28, 2022

LOCATION: Valois Station Parking lot.

TIME: 10:00am to 11:00am

DELIVERY OF DONATIONS: 9:00am - 9:45am.

VOLUNTEERS:

Please arrive early to:

- help members unload their donations and place on the appropriate table
- ensure plant pricing at your table is consistent with other tables.

And don't forget to:

- ✓ choose one plant and put it aside, prior to the start of the sale.
- ✓ have fun and encourage people to buy everything we've donated.
- ✓ make sure that buyers take their purchases with them when they go to pay (no holding their treasures until they are ready to pick them up).

MEMBERS:

Bring in all of your garden treasures (that you can bear to part with). Buy more of the many irresistible plants than you can possibly plant.

PLANT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

FOR DONATIONS OF PLANT STOCK TO PCHS SALES EVENTS

PERENNIALS: Cleaned, healthy plant stock that is a credit to you as a gardener.

- Potted in good soil and weed-free (preferably, prepared a couple of weeks prior to sale to establish the plant),
- Labelled with useful information: i.e. name, flower colour, height, sun/moisture requirements, etc.

ANNUALS: Healthy flower, fruit or vegetable seedlings that you are willing to donate.

OUTING

JULY 30, 2022

A bus tour of different public or private gardens and/or nurseries. Details will be announced upon confirmation of the itinerary.

MEMBERS' GARDEN TOURS

JUNE 5, 2022 &
AUGUST 7, 2022

Join us in an afternoon stroll around 5 or 6 gardens that have been generously opened to society members and invited guests.

Please plan on paying \$5.00 for each of the non-member friends you invite.

Plan on meeting at a public park and bringing a lunch. Groups may be drawn up and sent off to visit in staggered time slots. You will receive the address of the first garden at the park and subsequent addresses at each successive garden.
This procedure is subject to change.

TRADING POST

OCTOBER 1, 2022

This event is designated as a "members only" get-together.

All donations gratefully accepted between 9:00 and 9:45 am. First choice to start around 10:00 am

Dig up your garden plants that need a new home. Bring them to the Trading Post and then trade "up" for items from other peoples' gardens. Each item donated is worth one (or more) ticket that enables you to "buy" more treasures.

Please package your plants so that soil will not escape its boundaries.

House plants, Bulbs, Seeds, magazines, etc. are all welcome.
Please refer to the plant preparation guidelines on page 7.

SPRING COMPETITION

MAY 18, 2022

Entries received between 7:10 and 7:30p.m. Exhibits to be in place for judging by 7:30 p.m. Group 1 and 2 exhibits are to be presented in the members own plain glass container, e.g. jam or mason jars, bottles, etc.

To members entering for the first time: Please take the time to read the various instructions, definitions, guidelines and regulations pertaining to shows: refer to the file: <http://pteclairehort.org/documents/showdefinitions.pdf>. Normally a judging official would be engaged to determine winners but, even though this event will not be deemed official, we would like to conduct the proceedings in spirit of a true show.

For this event, the membership will vote for winning entries. A system will be defined prior to the show. Guidelines will be posted to assist in determining the various winners. These guidelines are included in the reading material provided on the following pages.

GROUP 1 - SPECIMENS

BULBS

Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen, providing they are of different varieties, up to a maximum of three per class.

GROUP 1 - SPECIMENS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1.	Tulips	2 blooms/entry
2.	Narcissus (daffodils - single or double)	2 blooms/entry
3.	Other bulbs	2 blooms/entry
4.	Shrub or Tree in blossom	1 branch

GROUP 3 - DECORATIVE SECTION

Ecosystems

Class	Title	Description
8	"Alpine"	A landscape design incorporating rocks
9	"Oceans"	An abstract design featuring water. (may use purchased material)
10	"Prairies"	A freestyle design

DESIGN COMPETITION

APRIL 27, 2022

“Promise of Spring” A Pot-et-fleur arrangement using Method 1.
Entrants may purchase material for this item.

See the file: <http://pteclairehort.org/documents/showdefinitions.pdf> for the decorative class definitions.

Participants may use any natural materials and/or purchase fresh material for their creations.

Winners will be decided by members' choice.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING DESIGNS

ELEMENT	WEIGHT (%)
Design (Balance, Rhythm, Scale, Proportion, Dominance, Contrast)	35
Conformance to schedule	25
Creativity	20
Distinction and Condition	<u>20</u>
	100%

POINTS AWARD SYSTEM

	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Group 1	3	2	1
Group 2	5	3	2
Group 3	7	5	3
Note:	One extra point is given for "Best Design" award		

TROPHIES AWARDED

DESIGN

W. L. MacLean Memorial Trophy: High aggregate points for decorative classes in all competitions during the current year.

PHOTO CONTEST

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

This meeting is designated as a “members only” get-together.

Participants are invited to submit two (2) photographs **taken in their own garden** in 2022:

- 1) Thriller/Filler/Spiller: What’s in your pots or window boxes?
- 2) Statuary in the garden: What lurks between the weeds?

Members may enter this contest following either of these methods:

a) Members are welcome to submit digital entries to info@pteclairehort.org and Sabrina will print them for exhibition at the Christmas Party.

Electronic Submission deadline: November 1,2022

b) For those bringing in their photo’s, please submit your pictures before 7:30p.m. and make sure you have identified each entry, e.g. write your name on the back.

The winner will be chosen by members’ ballot.