

# EG Gardeners 2023 Yearbook



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## EG Gardeners' Yearbook has a new look!

Welcome to a new year of gardening!

We hope you like the 2023 Handbook for all the timely information you will need for the upcoming year. The move to an online Yearbook helps us to collect all of the highlights of the great activities and events that occurred in the previous year as well as the business details of the organization. For new members, the highlights and photos are a way for you to get a sense of what East Gwillimbury Gardeners is all about and what we do, and to see if there is anything that might interest you to become involved in, should you choose to. Everyone is welcome to participate in whatever way that suits them. We are happy to have you!

Along with highlights, the Yearbook will be a place to find historical information about the East Gwillimbury Gardeners, as well as information related to financial matters, past presidents, awards and other material associated with the gardening group.

We hope you like our new online, environmentally responsible yearbook of information to read at your leisure!

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***Photographs courtesy of Dawn Clayden, Charmaine Hunter,  
Valerie Liney, Blair Mathews, Brenda Near, Stephanie Stearn,  
Janice Van Every***

***Cover photograph courtesy of Bruce Dixon  
(High Points in Photography 2022)***

# 2022 Highlights

**2022 saw a return to in-person meetings; May marked the first one since February 2019 and we celebrated!**



We welcomed new members with flowers and returning members with Charmaine's hand-crafted suncatchers.

A special guest was 'Super Pollinator' aka Donna Lewis, Assistant District Director, District 5, GardenOntario.



We received the District 5, GardenOntario trophy for the largest increase in membership in the District (which stretches from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe and from Yonge Street to the York-Durham Line!).



The outstanding efforts of our tech wizards that enabled us to keep our group active (and growing) during the pandemic was recognized by OHA.

And, we had live flower shows again!



A new addition was our Sharing Table that allowed members to share favourites from their gardens.

# Public Gardens

**What a pleasure to get our hands dirty again and bring our public gardens back to their full glory!**





# Flower Shows

***We got to see (and smell, but not touch!) real flowers again!***



# Plant Sale

**Back to a live sale...what a great day!**



# Junior Gardeners

**One of the most exciting events of 2022 was to see our Junior Gardener program re-activated. Look at how much they (and the adults involved) enjoyed it!**





# Day Trips



We were able to re-instate some day trips this year; one to Slabtown Cider Company along with the Claremont Garden Club (above); and the second to the Mono Pollinator Garden (below).



# Photography Competition

**The online competition worked so well, we decided to keep it. Top photo is Valerie Liney's Best in Show, bottom is Lynn Slaney's Judge's Choice...well done!**



# EG in Bloom

**Our town is getting too big for our judges to visit all the gardens, so this year we asked residents to submit photos. We have some beautiful gardens in East Gwillimbury!**



# Pop-Up Garden Tours

**Were back! Thanks to Anne Hill & Barb Elend, Charmaine Hunter, Anna Thomas & Hans Lowe and Doug Wodhams for opening their gardens to us.**





# Outreach Program

**How nice to get out into our community again.**



We worked with  
EGPL on a Bug Hotel  
workshop...the kids  
had a blast!

EG Nature Day saw a lot  
of interest in our display.



We are very grateful for all the  
support we receive from the  
Town of East Gwillimbury.  
Brenda Near was happy to  
receive the Youth Initiatives  
grant from Mayor Virginia  
Hackson and Susan Boyne-Bird.

# Annual General Meeting

**How nice to see everyone and get the chance to recognize the contributions of some of our members. The decorations were beautiful and the treats delicious!**



**The star of the evening was our very own Garden Hero! Congratulations Charmaine and thank you for all you do for our community!**

## Charmaine Hunter

East Gwillimbury Garden and Horticultural Society (EG Gardeners)



- Charmaine zealously looks after our public gardens in Holland Landing and also at her church.
- She is always doing something to keep the gardens looking their best.
- Here are just a few of her contributions: Grows hundreds of plants from seed for plant sales and the gardens.
- Is working on becoming a master gardener.
- Plants for pollinators & creates many educational posters on pollinators.
- Is on the Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation.
- Helped create a local seed library

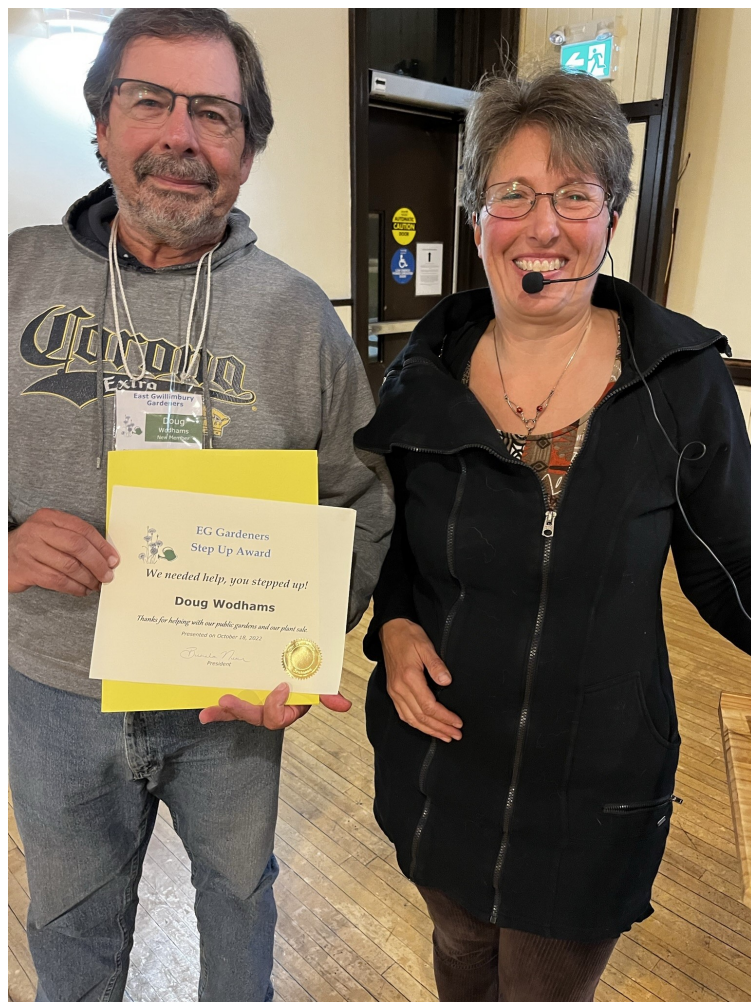


Brenda awarded President's Certificates to Elaine McClure, Heike Koch, and Dawn Clayden (absent) for their contributions to the rejuvenated Junior Gardener Program.

Brenda presented two Newsletter Awards; Charmaine Hunter (left) who submits articles to every issue; and Stephanie Stearn whose lively drawings add a special touch to our newsletter.



Doug Wodhams, a new member, pitched in from day one and received the 'Step Up' award for his efforts.



Betty Trach presented OHA Service Pins to Heike and Arnold Koch, and Brenda Near. Jeffrey Kelso and H  l  ne Robert were awarded their pins prior to their move from EG.

Our competition awards went to Cathy McCurdy for High Points in Horticulture, Ellen Power for High Points in Design, and Bruce Dixon for High Points in Photography.





This is the group you elected to manage our activities for the upcoming year...from left:

Barb Elend, Ellen Power, Karen Dance, Elaine McClure, Lisa Giampi, Betty Trach, Heike Koch, Anne Hill, and Brenda Near (absent Cathy Morton)

That wraps up our look back at 2022...it was an exciting year for us and we hope all our members enjoyed it as much as we did.

With your help, 2023 will be even better!

# Past Presidents

1925	L. Brown	1970	Ken Ross	1997	Ellen Power
1943	Milton Gibney	1971	Ednam Schram	1998	Ellen Power
1944	Roy Carr	1972	Muriel Dixon	1999	Carin Bacher
1945	Roy Carr	1973	Muriel Dixon	2000	Carin Bacher
1946	James Slorach	1974	Dorothy Jordan	2001	Francine Cassidy
1947	Harold Kurtz	1975	Dorothy Jordan	2002	F. Cassidy/D. Isaac
1948	Harold Kurtz	1976	Dorothy Jordan	2003	Gail Sanderson
1949	Harold Kurtz	1977	Carmen Rolling	2004	Gail Sanderson
1950	Karl Lees	1978	Carmen Rolling	2005	Carolyn Watt
1951	Karl Lees	1979	Monika Johnson	2006	Carolyn Watt
1952	Gordon Knott	1980	Monika Johnson	2007	Tina Forrester
1953	Amanda Walker	1981	M.R. Baker	2008	Tina Forrester
1954	Amanda Walker	1982	M.R. Baker	2009	Jennifer Payne
1955	J. McDonald	1983	Dorothy Jordan	2010	Anne Hill
1956	John Arnold	1984	Dorothy Jordan	2011	Anne Hill
1957	John Arnold	1985	Viola Lunau	2012	Anne Hill
1958	Mina Stokes	1986	Viola Lunau	2013	Anne Hill
1959	Mina Stokes	1987	Cathy Morton	2014	Valerie Liney
1960	Mina Stokes	1988	Cathy Morton	2015	Valerie Liney
1961	L. Timbers	1989	M.R. Baker	2016	Valerie Liney
1962	Viola Wilson	1990	M.R. Baker	2017	A. Hill/S. Theberge
1963	Viola Gillion	1991	Jean Lott	2018	Anne Hill
1964	Viola Gillion	1992	M. Dixon/M.R. Baker	2019	Anne Hill
1965	Jeanette Jordon	1993	M.R. Baker	2020	Brenda Near
1966	Jeanette Jordan	1994	M.R. Baker	2021	Brenda Near
1967	Viola Gillion	1995	Gail Sanderson	2022	Brenda Near
1968	Viola Gillion	1996	Gail Sanderson		
1969	Ken Ross				

# Life Members

Margaret Rose Baker—1999  
Alex Sanderson—2016  
Gail Sanderson—2016  
Anne Hill—2019

# Award Recipients

## OHA Service Awards

1958	Bertha Harman	1975	Dorothy Jordan	1999	Gail Sanderson
1960	Mrs. H. Brown	1979	C.&R. Rolling	2002	Alex Sanderson
1961	G.S. Harper	1988	Phyllis Pegg	2003	Dorothy Jordon
1962	N. Simpson	1990	Doris Lounsbury	2004	Deborah Isaac
1963	John Arnold	1991	Muriel Dixon	2007	Ellen Power
1964	Roy Stewart	1994	M.R. Baker	2011	Tina Forrester
1965	Hannah Park	1996	Lucille Graham	2014	Mary Slingerland
1970	George Walsh	1997	Cathy Morton	2017	Valerie Liney
1971	Viola Gillion	1998	H. Sanderson	2018	Anne Hill

## Ontario Volunteer Service Awards—2022 Recipients

**5 Years**—Arnold Koch, Heike Koch, Ernie Mackey, Brenda Near, Gail Priestman

**10 Years**—Pat Newland

## OHA Service Pins—2022 Recipients

**5 Years**—Jeffrey Kelso, Arnold Koch, Heike Koch, Ernie Mackey, Brenda Near, Hélène Robert

## EG Gardeners' President's Award—2022 Recipients

Dawn Clayden, Heike Koch, Elaine McClure

### In Memoriam

Helen Sanderson

Member from 1955

Life Member - 2002

# **Our 2022 Supporters**

**We thank the many businesses/organization that offered their support in 2022. We couldn't have done it without you!**

**Bradford/Garden Gallery Greenhouses**

**Brooks Family Farm**

**Cathy's Crawlers**

**District 5, GardenOntario (OHA)**

**Town of East Gwillimbury**

**EG Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament**

**East Gwillimbury Public Library**

**GardenOntario (OHA)**

**The Giving Place**

**Holland Valley Garden Centre**

**Native Plants Claremont**

**New Roots Garden Centre**

**Not So Hollow Farm**

**Ocean Nursery**

**OMAFRA**

**W.H. Perron**

**Pollin' Gardens**

**Richter's Herbs**

**Rose Family Farm**

**Tree Valley Garden Centre**

**Wild Birds Unlimited**

**York Regional Forest**

# Annual Financial Report—2022

<b>Opening Balance as of November 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$8,370.93</b>
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## **INCOME**

Civic Plantings (Town of EG Grant)	\$1,000.00
Door Prize Donations	\$ 110.00
Finance	\$ 401.79
Food Banks	\$ 127.20
Membership	\$1,809.68
Outreach Programs	\$ 250.00
Plant Sale	\$3,811.21
Program (OMAFRA Grant + Donations)	\$1,038.50
Youth Program	\$ 607.00

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,155.38</b>
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## **DISBURSEMENTS**

AGM	\$ 56.52
Civic Plantings	\$ 641.00
Finance	\$ 600.01
Flower Show	\$ 613.73
Food Banks	\$ 600.00
Membership	\$1,138.49
Plant Sale	\$ 177.13
Program	\$1,900.00
Public Relations	\$ 509.40
Sunshine	\$ 85.35
Thumbs Up	\$ 49.50
Yearbook	\$1,677.11
Youth Program	\$ 431.14

<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$8,479.38</b>
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<b>Balance as of September 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$9,046.93</b>
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**Prepared by Ellen Power, Treasurer, reviewed by Barb Elend, Cathy Morton**

**Note:** Year end was changed from October 31 to September 30 effective 2022 as per a vote of the general membership at the November 16, 2021 Annual General Meeting.