



NIGHT BEACON NEWSLETTER

Quarterly

“Grow with Tay”

Fall 2017

Tay Township Horticulture Committee

To foster civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community education and participation in horticulture.



Tay Lily Award 2017

We always have so much fun exploring gardens and checking out new plants or combinations. I am so privileged to have been appointed to this committee.

[27 King Rd in Waubaushene](#) Jean Kimberley Galbraith

This small garden has wonderful flow, filled with salvia, coneflowers, black-eyed Susan, phlox and bergamot. A rail fence sets off a corner and the hydro pole in front is well disguised with an evergreen vine. The garden contains a great variety of textures, is well weeded and deadheaded and includes compost and rain barrel. There is a delightful flagstone walk up to an inviting porch and entrance.

[17 Georgias Walk in Victoria Harbour](#) Molley

This is the second time this property has been nominated. This quaint garden makes the most of a small space with colourful reds and yellows, window boxes, unique planter by the door and other interesting garden ornaments.

[5794 Vasey Rd, Waverley](#) Linda and Barry Cosburn

This wonderful expansive garden is professionally maintained with several unusual plants such as Jerusalem Sage. Huge hydrangeas side the walk up to the wrap around porch. In back a large ornamental pond with waterfall and a striking purple clematis rises high against the grey batten board.

[90 Pineview, off Old Fort Rd., Port McNicoll](#) Wayne Gosney

This new 3 year old garden is beautifully landscaped highlighted with bright orange Echinacea. The window boxes that line the walk invite guest p to the porch where the bright plants hang in waiting. Garden ornaments add to the interest of this garden.

[152 William, the Historic Library](#)

This business was nominated last year as well and lots of work has been done since then. Flower pots at the door and yuccas, yellow potentillas, lilies and nodding hollyhocks nod against the building. Very inviting and showy on the main street of town.



Garden Tips

Roses

Remove all foliage and blooms in the late fall. Many diseases overwinter on foliage or blooms left on the plant or that have fallen to the ground. Thoroughly clean up around the roses and add a layer of mulch as a barrier layer between the soil and plant to help prevent disease.

Hydrangea

Hydrangea Mopheads, Lacecaps, Oakleaf bloom on old wood. Prune in mid summer after bloom. If you prune in spring you will be removing flower buds.

Hydrangea newer reblooming types such as Endless Summer series bloom on new and old growth. Timing of pruning is not as critical since plants will rebloom even if you cut off some flower buds

Hydrangea paniculata and arborescens (generally white flowering varieties) bloom on new wood. Prune any-time other than just before they bloom

Wood Ashes

Each cord of firewood burned to heat your home will produce around 20 lbs of ashes.

Wood ashes are very alkaline and will change the acidity of your soil towards a more neutral pH.

Do not use wood ashes around acid loving plants such as blueberries, rhododendrons, azalea, Holly.

Beneficial for lawn and garden soils adding nutrients such as calcium, potassium and trace minerals for healthier plants. You can apply 20 lbs. or a 5 gallon pail of ashes to an area of 1,000 sq ft per year without making a big change to the soil pH

Add small amounts to your lawn, vegetable garden or compost bin. Using too much wood ash can be damaging to your plants.

Favorite Garden Blooms



CROCOSMIA

Full sun

Drought tolerant Well drained soil

Blooms late July to late August

Trumpet shaped blooms



JAPANESE ANEMONE

Sun to partial shade

Prefers a rich, moist soil

Blooms late August till frost

Tay Horticulture Committee

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For any questions or to share your gardening tips or photos.

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