



The Ladyslipper

Perth & District Horticultural Society

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Unlike me, Mother Nature has a way of realizing that it's June. The peonies are in bloom despite the cold and gloomy weather we have been experiencing. This is our last meeting until Tuesday, September 9th, when our guest speaker, Chloe Hurst, will present "*This Gothic Garden Lives in Carleton Place.*" Chloe's fresh and unique approach to gardening has garnered widespread interest. Her approach to Gothic gardens has gone viral on social media and traditional media and continues to spark online interest worldwide. Chloe is an excellent speaker, and her presentation is both engaging and entertaining!

We have two garden tours planned for this summer. Pam Newton will open her gardens to our members on Tuesday, July 15th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We are extremely grateful to Pam for opening her gardens to all society members, allowing them to see her outstanding work of art.

Kudos to everyone who volunteered to help make our annual plant sale a great success. We raised \$1,800.00 through our fundraising efforts. The

plant sale was held on May 17th at Crystal Palace. It was a very wet and cold day, but fortunately, we were able to secure a large spot inside Crystal Palace so we could all stay dry. We had several members come out on Friday and Saturday to help us pricing and organizing plants and set up for the event. A special thank you to Robin McIntosh and Richard Catchpaw, who spearheaded this fundraising event.

Many thanks to all members who volunteer at the community gardens within Perth. Without the passion of these volunteers, Perth would not have these beautiful areas within the town.

Special invitation to all of our members: 100th Anniversary of the Flag Garden on July 3rd. On behalf of the Town of Perth Council, we are pleased to invite you to join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Flag Garden. The Flag Garden is maintained by PDHS volunteers. Please RSVP to ogobel@perth.ca by June 18th. See the Invitation on the back of the newsletter.

It is the 100th Anniversary of the Perth Museum as well this year. There will be a Perth Museum Centennial Event on August 23, 2025. Stay tuned for the complete details and invitation. The gardens surrounding the museum are maintained by PDHS volunteers so it would be great if we can show our support for this event.

Linda



Plant Sale at Crystal Palace - photo Perth Farmer's Market

Summer Garden Tour

TUESDAY, JULY 15th

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

PAM NEWTON'S GARDENS

262 Lakewood Lane, Perth, ON

Off the Rideau Ferry Road, shortly before you get to the Elmgrove road.

Good Bugs, Bad Bugs

Dale Odorizzi, Lanark County Master Gardeners

Beneficial Insects

Insects are key to ecosystem health. They are essential for food production and the health of biodiversity. They control other species of insect and contribute to nutrient recycling. They are a food source for other insects and birds.

Native landscapes have 50% higher abundance of native birds, three times more butterfly species, and two times more native bees.



Predators	Benefit to the gardener
Lady Bugs/Lady Beetles	Eats aphids and other soft bodied pests
Syrphid Flies, Hover Flies	Eats Aphids, Thrips, Leaf Hopper and Scale
Dragon Flies	Eats mosquito larvae and adults. Black Flies, Deer Flies
Damsel Fly	Eats aphids, Thrips, Leaf hoppers, Scale
Spiders	Eats insect eggs, Beetles, Aphids, Cutworms, Spider mites, caterpillars, Bud worms, other insects caught in webs.
Parasitic wasps	Use other insects to host eggs. Developing larvae consume host. Lay eggs in Tomato Hornworm, Cabbage worms, cutworms, aphids and Beetle Larvae
Tachinid Flies	Parasitize insects as host for larvae—cutworms, leaf rollers, sawflies, stink bugs, squash bugs
Lace Wings	Eats aphids, mealy bugs, soft scale and other small insects.
Ground Beetles	Eats slugs, gypsy (spongy) moth larvae, cutworms.
Praying Mantis	Eats insects
Pollinators	
Bees, Wasps	Pollination
Butterflies, Moths	Larvae are caterpillars so be careful who you squish
Clear Winged Moth	Larvae are Borers or Hornworms
Nutrient Recyclers	
Beetles	Feed on decaying plants and animal carcasses accelerating decomposition
Fly larvae	Consume decaying flesh to speed break down of organic matter
Ants	Transport decaying matter to nests to further break down
Termites	Digest wood and plant material to break down
Dung Beetles	Decompose animal feces enhancing nutrient content.

Bad Bugs

The best defense against bad bugs is to keep your plants healthy. To do this, plant the plants where they like—sun, shade, wet, well drained soil. Give the plants good soil and use mulch and compost. Keep the plants well watered.

In June 2008, the Ontario Pesticide Ban became law. No longer could we sprinkle powder on our plants to kill an insect, good or bad, that visited our garden. We gardeners had to adapt and use other, more labour-intensive steps such as:

- ▶ Hand picking or shaking into soapy water—pick and squish and dump in soapy water
- ▶ Pruning, water sprays—effective if large infestation of tent caterpillars to destroy the nests
- ▶ Insecticidal Soap is only effective if it contacts the insect
- ▶ Pheromone traps are available commercially and are usually for a specific insect.
- ▶ Sticky boards are effective for small flying insects such as aphids or white flies.
- ▶ Barriers such as Floating Row covers—effective in vegetable garden but must be removed for pollination.

Bug	Management
Japanese Beetles	Hand pick, shake into bucket of soapy water and disturb soil under the plant in early spring.
Red Lily Beetle	Hand pick early in the spring. Shake into bucket of soapy water and disturb soil under plant in early spring. They are easier to catch early in the morning.
Slugs and snails	Hand pick in early spring. Shake in bucket of soapy water. Encourage toads, frogs and snakes to the garden. Earwigs eat snail eggs. Plant slug resistant hostas.
Cut Worm	Use barriers around transplants. Toothpicks are my favorite but toilet paper rolls, newspaper wrap work well.
Cabbage Worms	Use barriers like Floating Row covers all season long. Hand pick worms. Soak produce in salt water before use. Red Cabbage is more resistant than green.
Cucumber Beetles	Use barriers such as floating row cover. Hand pick insects. They are most damaging when plants are small.
Potato Bugs	Hand pick insects. Knock into bucket of soapy water. Move plants each year. Start plants in June. By that time bugs have moved on.
Earwigs	In many places these are seen as beneficial. They are predators that eat caterpillars, aphids and mites and slug eggs. They prefer dead or dying plant material to decompose dead organic matter. However, if we keep our gardens too clean, they will eat healthy plants.
Aphids	Aphids are essential for birds, especially when they are newly hatched and growing rapidly. They also will suck nutrients from the plant. Also, a stem full of aphids looks “creepy”. They can be treated with insecticidal soap or a strong spray of water or by simply running your hand up the stem and squishing them.
Plant Suckers	Spittle bugs, leaf hoppers, scale and Aphids. Manage as you would aphids.

400 Slug-Resistant Hostas for Laidback Gardeners



What? You didn't know that not all hostas are devoured by slugs? Discover more than 400 fabulous mollusk-resistant hostas here!

Continue Reading:

<https://laidbackgardener.blog/2022/01/20/400-slug-resistant-hostas-for-laidback-gardeners/>

You're Invited: 100th Anniversary of the Perth Flag Garden

Perth Town Council and
the Family of the late **Philip Joseph McParlan**
invite you to a special event commemorating
100 years of the Perth Flag Garden

 **Thursday, July 3, 2025**

 **4–6 p.m.**

 **Crystal Palace, 31 Basin Lane, Perth**

Join us in celebrating the legacy of the Flag Garden, which has been located in the Perth Basin since 1925. Designed by Mr. McParlan to honour the soldiers of the Great War, the Flag Garden remains a meaningful landmark in our community.

Event Highlights:

-  **4:00 p.m.** – Doors open to invited guests and the public. Enjoy light refreshments and explore the history of the Flag Garden.
-  **4:30 p.m.** – **Official Greetings**
-  **5:00 p.m.** – **Special Presentation** by local historian **Susan Code-McDougall**
-  **5:30 p.m.** – **Stories from the Flag Garden to the Bridge Master's House**, by Perth's Town Crier, Brent McLaren

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful celebration of history, remembrance, and community!
RSVP: ogobel@perth.ca by 17-June-2025



*Bloom Where
You're Planted*

