



**District 9 of the
Ontario Horticultural Association
Spring Annual Meeting**

April 25th, 2026

Hosted by the Port Colborne and
Ridgeway & District Garden Clubs
at Maple Meadows Farm
736 Weaver Road, Port Colborne L3K5V3

**THEME: DROUGHT & NATIVE GARDENING
GARDENING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration
Flower Show entry placement closes at 9:45 am
Judging will start at 10:00am

Tickets are \$20 (at the door)
Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Speaker: **HEATHER SWANN**
Drought & Native Gardening
Speaker: **SEAN JAMES**
Gardening in a Changing Climate

Reminder each D9 Society/Club to bring a door prize valued over \$20.

Penny Sale Tickets will be for sale.

Please note that this event will be scent free - thank you.



“DROUGHT & NATIVE GARDENING GARDENING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE”

AGENDA

- 8:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome Lisa DeYoung, District 9 Director
'O Canada'
Debbie Eggleton Ridgeway & District Garden Club
Greetings: Mayor Bill Steele, Port Colborne
Mayor Wayne Redekop, Fort Erie
Roll call of District Societies: Maggie Corner
Motion to accept 2025 Spring AM minutes (Previously distributed): Maggie Corner
Treasurer's report: Tami Lyons
Old/New Business: Lisa DeYoung
OHA Representative: Catherine McGill
Election and Installation of Executive: Catherine McGill
- 10:45 am BREAK
- 11:00 am Speaker: Heather Swann
“Drought and Native Gardening”
- 12 noon LUNCH
- 1:00 pm Awards & Presentations
Flower and Photography Show Winners
- 2:00 pm Speaker: Sean James
“Gardening in a Changing Climate”
- 3:00 pm Society Door Prizes and Penny Table Winners
Acknowledgements and Adjournment



2026 SPRING FORUM SHOW RULES

ENTRY RULES

- Garden and/or Horticulture Club members only
- Judge's decision is final.
- OJES (2019) will apply unless otherwise stated
- Each entry needs an entry tag, please fill out before event.
- Please read rules and schedules in each class carefully.
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED COMPETITIONS REGISTRATION PAGE(S).**

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION RULES

- All Horticultural entries must be grown by the exhibitor
- One entry per class-no exceptions
- Please read the schedule carefully to understand what is expected in each class
- Please do not touch or move another exhibitor's entry. Please ask the convenor for assistance.
- Protected, invasive and endangered species are strictly forbidden. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to educate themselves. (OJES pg. 138)
- Containers are to be provided by the exhibitor.

DESIGN DIVISION RULES

- Plant material may be obtained from any source.
- Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- You may submit only one entry per class.
- Fresh plant material, fruit, branches, decorative wood or any dry or treated plant material may be used in designs unless otherwise stated.
- A minimum use of painted material is permitted but NO painting or dyeing of fresh plant material.

DESIGN DIVISION DEFINITIONS: (taken from OJES 2019 unless otherwise stated.)

Synergistic A design in which only 3 containers are used in a composition. All 3 containers must include plant material. Each container may be a complete or partial design, and the combined containers create a unified whole. The design may be further unified through the use of connectives. Cannot exceed a space of 15" wide x 15" deep (37.5 cm. x 37.5cm.)

Small Design A design from 5 ½" to 10" (14 cm.-25.5 cm.) and which must not exceed 10" (25.5 cm.) in height, width or depth including any container, base or accessories.

Rock Garden with Drought Tolerant Plants May include cacti, succulents etc. with no visible soil. Cannot exceed of a space of 12" wide x 12" deep (30.5 cm. X 30.5 cm.)

Line design A design in which one or more-line directions are dominant. Maximum of 10" wide x 10" deep (25.5 cm. x 25.5 cm)



Mass Design A design with a large quantity of plant material arranged in a closed silhouette with few or no voids. A butterfly should be able to flit among the flowers!

Bouquet A design artistically created by grouping plant material with or without accessories, using their own stems. May be inserted into a holder or container. Maximum 15” wide and 15” deep (37.5 x 37.5)

Novice An individual new to entering District Level Competitions.

Terrarium A self sustaining ecosystem that recycles water for drought tolerant plants. The opening must be smaller than the bowl. (Not taken from OJES). Maximum size is 10” wide x 10” deep (25.5 cm x 25.5)

HOUSE PLANT RULES (container plants)

- Plants must have been owned by exhibitor for at least 9 months.
- All entries are 1 specimen per pot.

<p>Prize List</p> <p>1st \$7</p> <p>2nd \$6</p> <p>3rd \$5</p>
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PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW RULES

- 1 photo per class
- Photos will be in colour
- Photo must be on photopaper
- Photo must be the exhibitor’s work taken in the last 24 months
- It must show some aspect of horticulture
- Photos will be 5” x 7” (13 cm x 18 cm) and mounted on a 7” x 9” (16 cm x 23cm) black or white card stock

**COMPETITION CLASSES
SECTION A - HORTICULTURE**

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| 1. | Tulip – dark coloured (single classic egg or oval form) | 1 Stem |
| 2. | Tulip – light coloured (single classic egg or oval form) | 1 Stem |
| 3. | Tulip - fringed | 1 Stem |
| 4. | Tulip - species variety- any colour | 1 Stem |
| 5. | Narcissus - long trumpet | 1 Stem |
| 6. | Narcissus - double trumpet | 1 Stem |
| 7. | Narcissus - multiple flower heads on one stem | 1 Stem |
| 8. | Hellebore | 1 Stem |
| 9. | Primrose - common - any colour | 1 Stem |
| 10. | Lungwort (Pulmonaria) | 3 Stems |
| 11. | Crocus | 1 Bloom |
| 12. | Spring Flower Bouquet - minimum of 5 different cultivars. (No floral foam allowed.)
Maximum 15” wide and 15” deep. (37.5 x 37.5) | |



SECTION B - FLOWERING BRANCH
(branches can not be more than 24” long)

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| 13. | Forsythia | 1 branch |
| 14. | Magnolia | 1 branch |
| 15. | Flowering Almond | 1 branch |
| 16. | Sand Cherry | 1 branch |

SECTION C – HOUSE PLANTS
(container plant) (Maximum pot size is 8” (20 cm.)

- 17. Indoor plant grown for foliage
- 18. Indoor plant in bloom
- 19. African Violet (standard single crown)
- 20. Any succulent including Cacti

SECTION D – DESIGN DIVISION
Please refer to rules and definitions.

- 21. Succulent Rock Garden, may include cacti (no soil visible)
Maximum 10” x 10” (25.5 cm. x 25.5 cm.)
- 22. Native Plants– a small design Maximum 10” x 5 1/2”. (25.5 cm. x 14 cm.)
- 23. Synergistic Design Cannot exceed a space of 15” Width x 15” Depth (37.5 cm. x 37.5 cm.)
- 24. Hot Times – a mass design. Maximum 12” x 12 “. (30.5 cm. x 30.5 cm)
- 25. Novice Design—A line design maximum 12” wide. (30.5 cm)

SECTION E - SPECIALITY EXHIBIT
Please refer to definitions.

- 26. Terrarium- Maximum size is 10” wide x 10 “deep (25.5 cm x 25.5cm)

SECTION F - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
Please refer to show rules

- 27. Oddity
- 28. Bee Beauty
- 29. Barns in Nature
- 30. Native Plant

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