



## April 2026 Newsletter

### Spring Activities are Starting, Join in!



There are many walks, talks, workshops, plant sales and projects for those who appreciate and protect nature and garden/create habitat with native plants. We want to share all the wonderful work that people are doing and let Project Swallowtail members know about other groups they can get involved with or just learn from. See the links on our website, the previous newsletters and our **Facebook** group.

Note: For those of you who are on our maps and received a special email, please note that the maps have a bug if viewed on a mobile device. You need to turn off the Wards layer in order to be able to access the member markers.

**If you want to be on our maps** you need to **Update Your Profile** and provide consent to be contacted by members and accept meeting with others. You will need to provide an address either with or without the street number and include a postal code e.g. Main Street West Toronto ON M63 4V7.

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### **NEW! [Project Swallowtail Website Calendar of Events](#)**

Our website has pages with **full details** for these plant sales, member events and more. Please let us know of your events and we will post them there. More will be added to the Calendar as they are announced.

Project Swallowtail will not be selling subsidized plant kits this spring but will have other activities TBD. You can find native plants at these events.

### **Toronto Plant Market and Native Plant Supply**

April 1 to Oct 31 Wed to Sun

327 Bering Ave, Downtown Toronto, ON, Canada, M8Z 3A5

**Ecofair Toronto – April 26** 11am to 4 pm

Evergreen Brick Works 550 Bayview Ave, Toronto, ON M4W 3X8

**North American Native Plant Society Native Plant Sale – May 9** 10am to 2pm

Toronto Botanical Garden

777 Lawrence Ave. E. Toronto ON M3C 1P2

**Spring Plant Sale at Allan Gardens – May 17** 10am to 4pm

Allan Gardens Children's Conservatory 19 Horticultural Ave, Toronto, Ontario

**Parkdale Horticultural Society Plant Fair – May 23** 10am to 1pm

Roncy United Church 240 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Featured Member Events**

**South Parkdale Community Pollinator Gardens**

<mailto:spcommunitypollinatorgardens@gmail.com> to register for events

**Spring Seed Sowing Workshop - April 12, 2pm to 4:30pm**



The poster for the Spring Seed Sowing Workshop features a light blue background. At the top, the title "Spring Seed Sowing Workshop" is written in a blue, curved font, with the subtitle "Native plants, annuals, herbs & veggies!" below it. A circular logo for the South Parkdale Community Pollinator Gardens, featuring a butterfly, is positioned in the center. Below the logo, the date and time "Sunday, April 12, 2 - 4:30pm" are displayed in purple. A central photograph shows a close-up of purple flowers with a monarch butterfly on one of them. At the bottom, two green rounded rectangles contain the text "SLIDING SCALE \$1 - \$20" and "SEEDS, SOIL, POTS & TRAYS PROVIDED". Below these, it states "Registration required" and provides the email address "spcommunitypollinatorgardens@gmail.com".

Native plants, annuals, herbs and veggies!

Seeds, soil, pots & trays provided

Sliding Scale \$1-\$20

One tray of 10 pots with soil provided to each participant. We'll have lots of native plant seeds (that don't need to be overwintered) and a few annual, veggie & herb seeds as well.

This location is wheelchair accessible, however the washroom is not. Exact address provided upon registration. We'll be outdoors and a washroom will be available. see [Facebook group](#)

[Register](#)

**LEGS Plants and Seeds Exchange**

[LEGS Event Web Page](#)

**Plants & Seeds Sales and Exchange - May 9, 9am to 1 pm**

## Lakeshore Environmental Gardening Society

Assembly Hall Community Centre  
1 Samuel Smith Park Dr.  
Toronto ON M8V 4B6  
Organic and native plant seeds  
Bring plants/seeds and take some home!

[Seed List](#)

[LEGS Website](#)



**LEGS PLANTS & SEEDS SALE & EXCHANGE**

In Partnership with The Assembly Hall Toronto

**PRESENTED BY:** ah! Lakeshore Environmental Gardening Society

**LOCATION:** Assembly Hall Community Cultural Centre  
1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr, Toronto ON M8V 4B6

**SATURDAY MAY 9TH, 2026 9AM-1PM**  
**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE WITH PRIZES!**

Organic flower seeds  
Veggie seeds for swap or sale  
Native plant seeds  
Enhance your pollinator garden!

**Everyone is Welcome!**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
Have your Garden Questions Answered!  
Bring plants/seeds & take some home!  
• Wheelchair accessible • Washrooms available

LEGS LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL GARDENING SOCIETY



## An Invitation to The Garden Club of Toronto's Prospective New Member Open House & Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 23 April 2026, 11:15 am to 2:30 pm  
Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

**FREE ADMISSION, Registration required**

mailto:membership@thegardencluboftoronto.ca or call the office at (416) 447-5218.

**[thegardencluboftoronto.ca](http://thegardencluboftoronto.ca)** Should you have any questions prior to April 23rd, please don't hesitate to contact us.

If you've ever wondered what the Garden Club of Toronto does, or given thought to becoming a Member, please join us as our Guest at the April Prospective New Member Open House & General Monthly Meeting.

Your visit will include:

- information session
- floral demonstration
- floral design & horticulture show
- light refreshments
- **SPEAKER - Netami Stuart: Topic - Park Making on Toronto's Waterfront Island**

We hope you will enjoy the day spent in the company of others with the same passion for all things garden related!

## Tell us About Your Garden

Continuing the “Tell us about your garden” responses. These motivating anecdotes show how much we can accomplish individually and together. More stories to come in upcoming newsletters. You can add your own story in [this form](#) please do, we need more stories.



*Photos of Pipevine Swallowtails by Bruce Bolin*

*I am the president of a field naturalist group, the Otter Valley Naturalists. We successfully two demonstration pollinator gardens in 2024. One is in Straffordville, Ontario, on the grounds of the Straffordville Library. The other is in Port Burwell, Ontario, on the grounds of the Trinity Anglican Church. That second one is beside a previously established community garden.*

*Additionally my wife and I have a property of several acres on the north shore of Lake Erie where I have successfully fostered some large Dutchman's Pipevine to which Pipevine Swallowtails return each year to breed. Plus I have Hop Trees (Giant Swallowtails), Spice Bushes (Spice Bush Swallowtails), Milkweeds (Monarchs), and Hackberry (American Snouts).*

*I garden in my front plot 4x10, in containers in my back yard and a 12x12 community garden plot*

*Front yard garden converted from turf. Approximately 50 species.*

*Native pollinator school learning garden.*

*I help with a Pollinator Garden in my workplace and grow a vegetable garden.*



*Photo Sharon Lovett*

*I have many native species in my small downtown garden in Toronto, mostly purchased from Project Swallowtail plant sales or from friends. I add a few more each year when space allows. I enjoy documenting the gardens (front and back yards) in photographs to show the changes over time and the wildlife that use them.*

*I back onto a green belt and had many butterflies when I first moved in. Now not as many. I've been able to attract orioles, cardinals, chickadees, woodpeckers, grosbeaks. I would like to grow my garden to bring in butterflies. They are so beautiful and I miss watching them.*

*I run a small garden business (Blooming City). My staff and I are to varying degrees responsible for several dozen gardens throughout the city, don't have one of my own at the moment. My clients are interested in ecological gardening to varying degrees and I would like to learn more*

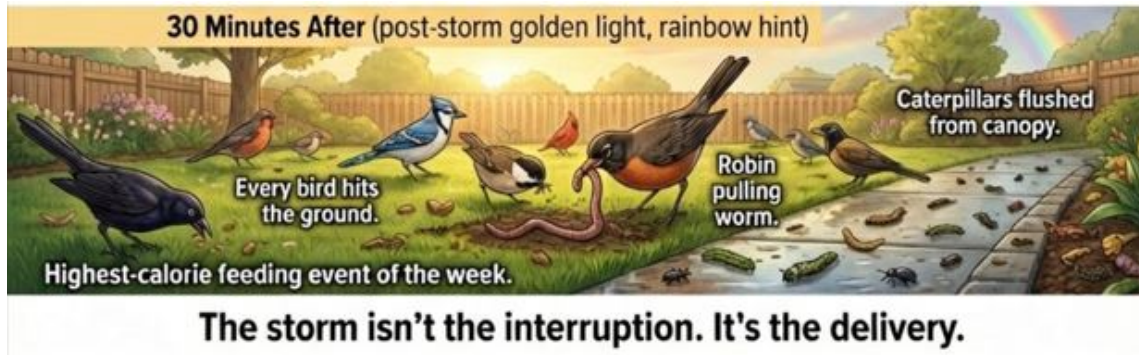
## Articles and Resources

### **Guardians of Nature** (Williamsburg VA) Facebook

Excellent illustrations and posters of nature bees, insects, oak trees, bird feeders ...

We stand with nature's guardians: native plants, bees, hummingbirds, fireflies, turtles, and all wildlife. 🌱🐝

Through tips, inspiration, and action, we promote a world where every creature has a place and every garden becomes a sanctuary. 🐝🌱🐢



**LEAF** Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests

We envision communities where nature thrives, and everyone benefits from a healthy urban forest. Our mission is to engage communities in nurturing the urban forest through planting, stewardship and education, fostering connections between people and nature.

Backyard Tree Planting Program (subsidized native trees and shrubs), Toronto Community Housing Planting, Tree Tenders Training Program, Guided Tree Tours. Urban Forest Demonstration Gardens.

**Backyard Biodiversity brochures and articles**



Roots and Horizons: A Conversation Looking Back and Growing Forward



Grow Me Instead: Native Alternatives to Three Common Invasive Species



Uninvited Guests in Your Trees: Three Invasive Threats to Watch for in 2026

### **City of Toronto - Interactive plant selection tool**

Native Plants, Trees and Shrubs List: Just in time for spring planting, the City has launched a dynamic new Native Plant, Tree and Shrub List for residents to plan out their gardens. Native species are naturally adapted to local conditions making them resilient, low maintenance, and great for supporting pollinators and local biodiversity. Use this interactive tool to find species suited to your site and create a customized plant list (320 species).

### **Green Toronto Webinars and Resources**

#### **Getting to Know Grasses Webinar**

- [Ontario Grasses booklist](#)
- [Tallgrass Ontario](#)
- [Grasses, Sedges and Rushes](#) from Minnesota Wildflowers.info
- [A Field Guide to Wisconsin Grasses](#) from University of Wisconsin Press

We have many free drop-in [educational events](#) and [planting events](#) coming up including the next webinar on [Native Edible Plants of Toronto](#) on April 23, from noon to one. We would be delighted to have you join us!

### **Homegrown National Park**

Design a Native Plant Landscape - Tips, templates, checklists and more

**Ecoplantia kits** (roll-out gardens) This is added to give you ideas. The plant kits are only available in the US but they use a paper template that has the garden laid out and plants are added by cutting into the template and planting them in the designated spots.



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### **We'd Love to Hear From You!**

We're looking for more stories, events, photos, and updates to share with the Project Swallowtail community in our newsletters!

- To share an event, please add it to the [Event Form](#).
- To contribute articles or messages, use the [Newsletter Content Form](#).
- Feedback on our interactive maps. (available only to map participants)
- Gardening and plant info on our [Google Drive](#)

- Our new [Project Swallowtail website](#)
  - [Publications and Resources](#)
  - Project Swallowtail [Sign-Up form](#) (for friends and family, you are signed up)
  - To add your garden to our map please [Update your Profile](#)
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