

Celebrating Our Roots

Carolinian District Six
Spring Workshop & Flower Show

Saturday, April 21, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

Door Prizes
&
Raffles!

Admission \$13.00

50/50
Draw!

Delhi District Secondary School
393 James Street, Delhi, ON

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30th Anniversary!



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Morning Speaker

Kevin Kavanagh - "Carolina Dreaming: Plants from the Deep South that Merit Attention at South Coast Gardens"

Kevin Kavanagh is the owner of South Coast Gardens, a small specialty nursery and landscape design business that he launched in 2005 in Ontario's 'Carolinian zone'. Although an avid gardener since childhood, Kevin has spent most of his professional life in the field of biodiversity conservation. Since 2006 he has worked for The Nature Conservancy of Canada and prior to that worked for 15 years with World Wildlife Fund Canada.

Kevin's long standing interest in southern plants, especially broad-leaved evergreens, was fully ignited while undertaking graduate field studies in the diverse forests of the southern Appalachians of North Carolina and Tennessee. He hoped one day to re-locate to Norfolk County where he could develop a garden incorporating many of these southern botanical treasures. Twenty-five years later, that dream became a reality with the launch of South Coast Gardens. Today, he gets great satisfaction from working with clients to design and install gardens that include a 'touch of the south'.

Kevin holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) from McGill University, a M.Sc. from York University and several years of post-graduate research in Botany at the University of Toronto. He is the author of several book chapters and articles celebrating the natural diversity of Canada's Carolinian zone.

Reminders - please bring:

- **Your society's banner and stand**
- **A door prize on behalf of your society in the amount of \$20.00**

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MEETING AGENDA

- 7:30-8:45 Flower Show Entries*
- 8:00-9:00 Arrival & Registration*
Refreshments in the Cafeteria
- 9:00 Flower Show Judging Starts*
- 9:00-9:30 O Canada & God Save The Queen*
Introduction of Head Table &
Greetings
- 9:30-10:30 Carolinian District Business Meeting*
- Roll Call—Please stand up for your home society only*
 - Elections & Installation of Director & Assistant Directors*
 - Carolinian District Six District Service Award*
- 10:30:-11:00 Break (Refreshments in Cafeteria)*
- 11:00-12:00 Kevin Kavanagh*
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH*
- 12:45 Dedication of tree*
- 1:00-1:30 Darren Heimbecker*
Invitation to Whistling Gardens
- 1:30-2:30 Gregor Beck*
- 2:30-2:45 Break (Refreshments in Cafeteria)*
- 2:45-3:00 Flower Show Awards*
- 3:00-3:30 50/50 Draw & Door Prizes*
- 3:30 Adjournment*

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Afternoon Speakers

Darren Heimbecker – “Invitation to Canada’s Newest Botanical Gardens.”

Darren worked at a nursery for 18 years as a propagator, shipper and field manager before branching out on his own. Whistling Gardens got its official start in 2006. Since then he has attracted garden savvy plant collectors from across Canada and the United States.

Whistling Gardens is located in Wilsonville, ON just minutes south of Brantford. The 56 acre property features a 1881 field stone home and a unique garden centre.

The nursery produces several thousand evergreens a year as rooted cuttings and grafted liners for different nurseries in Ontario, Quebec and the USA. The garden centre specializes in varieties and species of mainly rare trees and conifers. Many of his offerings can only be found at Whistling Gardens.

Darren is working on the unveiling of **Canada’s Newest Horticultural Playground**. The botanical garden with eighteen landscaped acres will be opened to the public on May 26, 2012. It features many classical garden styles some of which are replicas of once majestic formal gardens at various Villas in Italy, Middle Eastern Gardens and the Palace of Versailles. Most gardens are surrounded by natural settings of planted native trees and/or water features. His conifer collection is the largest in the world with approx. 2, 200 different species and cultivars.

Other gardens featured include a Rock/Alpine garden nearly 1 acre in size, Asian, Perennial, several formal, and informal gardens with water features including a new 2 acre lake and Canada’s only all stone fountain amphitheatre. More information can be found at www.whistlinggardens.ca



Gregor Beck – “Helping Wildlife at Home: Gardening with native plants and other tips for attracting birds, butterflies and wildlife to your property.” This lively and colourful presentation by Gregor Beck is about the benefits of native plant gardening, including practical information on how to attract birds, butterflies and other native species throughout the seasons. The presentation will also include tips for gardeners and landowners to help species at risk and promote biodiversity on their properties.

Gregor Beck is Director, Conservation Science, for the Long Point Basin Land Trust. Gregor is a wildlife biologist, environmental educator and conservationist with a love for birds, wildlife, plants and the outdoors.