



## ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

To add your name to our Speaker's List on [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) please fill in the following form and email to:

Rose Odell at [speakers@gardenontario.org](mailto:speakers@gardenontario.org)

**Name: First**                      **Ronald**                      **Last**                      **Lewis**

### **Biography:**

Please provide a brief description of your qualifications, skills and/or experience

*1) An organic vegetable gardener for forty-six years, Ron loves to learn and to pass on his gardening knowledge to others. He has given literally hundreds of tours of his garden and gives slide show presentations and workshops several times a year at various locations. Visitors and slide viewers are often amazed when they see the giant pumpkins, that have ranged up to 730 pounds, that he grows in his backyard.*

*2) A fruit-growing enthusiast, Ron found out the hard way, as most other growers in his climate zone (3) have, that only perennial fruiting plants rated for zones 3 or 2 can survive the harsh winters of northern Ontario. But the plants he has obtained from the prairies over the years not only shrug off the northern Ontario winters, but produce big crops of excellent quality fruit. So having learned that, Ron has, since 1982, run a tiny, backyard nursery business selling prairie varieties of fruit trees, shrubs, and as he will not be persuaded to sell anything he does not have complete confidence in, he has gained a reputation of being trustworthy as well as knowledgeable on the subject. With this experience, Ron is a popular presenter on growing fruits in cold climate zones; topics ranging from variety selection, to planting, as well as pruning and grafting.*

### **Contact Information:**

**Email:** *ronlewis@unitz.ca*

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**Please list the District & Society you belong to:**

**Society: *Sudbury Horticultural Society***

**District: 13**

### **Districts Served**

Please select all the Districts that you would travel to:

**- April to October: Any**

**- November to March: Only Greater Sudbury, in District 13.**

D1     D2     D3     D4     D5     D6     D7   
D8     D9     D10     D11     D12     D13     D14   
D15     D16     D17     D18     D19

### **Topic List**

For each entry, please list a topic from the list below, a title and a brief description noting any costs, restrictions, i.e. time of year, and any other special requirements.

**Choose a TOPIC from the following:**

Bulbs/Tuber  
Environment  
Floral Design  
Fungi

Gardening  
Herbs  
Houseplants  
Native Plants

Pollinators  
Propagating  
Pruning  
Vegetables

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Gardening</i>	<i>1) Tending an Organic Garden  2) Growing Giant Pumpkins</i>	<i>Organic gardening (formerly just known as ‘Gardening’, before the post-WWII chemical era) could be defined as nurturing beneficial soil organisms, which in turn nurture garden plants by feeding them and by eliminating pests in ways that do no harm to those plants or to the soils that they grow in.</i>
<i>Fruit-Growing (including Pollinators,</i>	<i>Growing Hardy Fruit Plants in</i>	<i>The problem of having species and varieties of fruits that will thrive in the harsh climates zones 3 and 2, of</i>

<i>Propagating, &amp; Pruning</i>	<i>Northern Gardens</i>	<i>northern Ontario <u>has been solved</u>, by amateur growers and scientists who over a period of about 125 years, bred, tested, &amp; selected varieties that produce excellent crops of fruit on the prairies. These fruits include varieties of: apples, cherries, pears, plums, grapes, haskaps, currants, gooseberries...the list goes on.</i>
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**Files to add to listing:**

- *My indoor presentations / workshops rely on PowerPoint slides and so require a screen, computer, and data projector. Usually there are no handouts, except for a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to receive my newsletters by email.*
- *Outdoor workshops, involving vegetable gardening, planting small orchards, propagating fruiting plants, or pruning fruiting plants, usually require minimal preparedness by participants who are asked to bring pruners. Otherwise it is assumed that home gardeners, community gardens, would have at least access to shovels / spades, wheelbarrows, trowels, buckets, and soil amendments.*
- *I share my email address with all participants, and invite them to write me with their questions, for whom I usually have saved articles or relevant internet links to web sites to share; this in lieu of handouts. But if handouts are desired by my host I would gladly prepare them for distribution.*

**Authorization & Release**

I, *Ronald S. Lewis*, grant the Ontario Horticultural Association:

- Use of my photographic images and/or video and/or testimonials in various forms of media, including printed or multi-media materials, to be used by or for the Ontario Horticultural Association to assist in publicity, promotion, marketing and/or educational purposes.
- Use of my identity or likeness in photographic images and/or video and/or testimonials as described above.
- The permission to identify me by name and/or society/organization and such identifiers as hometown (if applicable).

**Signature:**

*R. L. Lewis*

**Date:** *February 9, 2019*