

Ontario Horticultural Association District 5: Toronto East, York Region East 2019 Annual General Meeting

*Markham Garden & Horticultural Society
Presents....*

“Building a Greener Tomorrow”



**Saturday, April 27, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Saint Maurice and Saint Verena Coptic Orthodox Church
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The Markham Garden & Horticultural Society is hosting the 2019 OHA District 5 Annual General Meeting. We are planning a day with **two speakers**, the District 5 business meeting, and competitions for floral design, horticulture, and publications. Morning goodies will be available both upon arrival and at morning break, and a boxed lunch containing your choice of sandwich, along with salad and dessert will be provided. As well, there will be door prizes (provided by all D5 Societies), and a bucket raffle. We encourage you to mingle and meet fellow gardeners from our 18 societies across District 5. And all of this for only \$35.

Door Prizes Competition

Each registrant's name will be automatically entered in a draw for a door prize. Each Society is asked to bring a wrapped gardening item valued at approximately \$30 to \$40. These door prizes will be awarded at various times during the day.

Flower Show & Printed Materials Competition

The Flower Show Rules and Schedule are included with this information package and are available on the District 5 website www.gardenontario.org.

Horticultural and design entries will be accepted between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. sharp – no exceptions. Each society is allowed a maximum of two entries in each horticultural and design class.

Check-in stations for entries will be inside the entrance to the flower show hall located on the lower level of the church.

Publication entries are prejudged. Each Society is invited to submit a yearbook, newsletter or any other printed material for this annual competition. Entries must be received no later than March 2, 2019. Entries can be submitted at the District 5 President's Meeting, to be held on March 2, 2019. These dates will allow time for judging. Please refer to Division IV of the Show Schedule for details.



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Our prestigious speakers for 2019 are:

David Leeman

David Leeman has operated his own garden design consulting and maintenance business for 20 years. He was head gardener at the Toronto Botanical Garden for its first two years. He has designed and planted at botanical gardens in California and St. Lucia and has been involved in various garden projects in Barbados during the winter months. His extensive world travels in Europe and Asia are usually with a horticultural focus. He is an expert pruner and places emphasis on sustainable native and drought tolerant plants.

David will be talking about "**Preserving Bio-diversity for the Future**".



Lorraine Johnson

Lorraine Johnson is the author of more than 10 books related to environmental issues, urban agriculture, and native plant gardening. A third edition of her classic "100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants for Canadian Gardens" was recently published.

A recognized North American expert on native plant gardening and naturalization, Lorraine is a past president of the North American Native Plant Society, a patron of the Toronto Botanical Garden, and a long-time community garden advocate. Lorraine is the editor of "Ground: Landscape Architect Quarterly".

Lorraine will be talking about "**Tending the Earth**".

Lorraine will have books for sale.



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Dates to Remember

Saturday March 2, 2019

Deadline for receipt of Printed Material either sent directly to District 5 Secretary Dawn McEachern or submitted at the Presidents Meeting.

Friday, April 5, 2019

Deadline for registration.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

The AGM

Check in after 8:00 a.m., meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The church will be open at 7:00 a.m. to receive floral designers, and horticultural entries. Entries will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. and no later.

The Saint Maurice and Saint Verena Coptic Orthodox Church is located on Highway 7 at Rodick Road. From Highway 404, exit at Highway 7 and travel east. Entrance to the car parking is from Highway 7 (westbound only) or from Rodick Road. **Extensive free parking is available including ample garage parking below the main level with the entrance at the west side of the building.** The underground parking is convenient for flower show exhibitors to bring their entries directly to the flower show hall which is located on the lower level of the church. [View Google map](#)

