





Russell and District Horticultural Society 2025 Yearbook



The **Russell and District Horticultural Society** is dedicated to engaging and educating gardeners of all ages. We encourage the improvement and beautification of our community through gardening, recycling, and supporting local businesses. Our goal is to enhance our community by making it even more beautiful while protecting the environment.

The objectives of the Russell and District Horticultural Society are to encourage interest and education in horticulture by:

- holding meetings and educational workshops;
- encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers in our community;
- promoting outdoor beautification;
- arranging field trips, competitions and exhibitions related to horticulture;
- distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;
- promoting the protection of the natural environment;
- promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media;
- stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture in gardeners of all ages.

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Our Society flower, rudbeckia hirta

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Year in Review

2024 was a blossoming year for our gardening group, with new friendships sprouting and a flurry of activities that kept our green thumbs busy. With 36 new members, our membership stood at 143.

We kicked off the year with various events, starting with a table at the Living Locally Fair, which was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community. We hosted the perennial favourite event, "March It On Out" as well as annual plant sale in May. We also had smaller plant sales at our regular meetings in September and November.

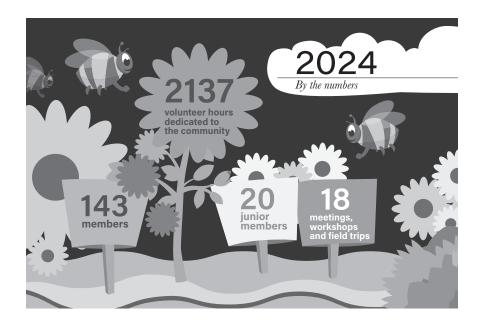
In April, we proudly hosted the District 1 AGM in Embrun, welcoming 130 attendees to our area. Our flower shows were a hit, with three mini-shows in January, February, and March, and the grand June Flower Show.

During the summer, one of our members attended the OHA Convention in Guelph, bringing back a wealth of knowledge and inspiration. We had 20 Junior Gardeners this year and it was wonderful to see what they had grown at the Junior Gardeners Flower Show and Awards in September.

Our workshops were well attended and full of creativity, including sessions on preparing for a flower show, creating glass-onglass art, and crafting grapevine wreaths and obelisks. We also embarked on two delightful day trips, visiting the Rideau Woodland Ramble one day, and the Maitland Garden of Hope and the Van Berlo Garden on another day. And let's not forget our captivating Garden Tour, featuring five beautiful venues.

Our monthly meetings were enriched by a lineup of engaging speakers. Hugh Metcalfe of Naturaide shared his expertise on creating native plant havens, while Meghann Baker of Fiat Farm introduced us to the principles of permaculture. Grace Stapper charmed us with stunning pictures from her garden, and Trevor from RiverOak enlightened us on the School of Rural Skills and skating trails. Rebecca Boyar from West Coast Seeds and Johnny Genetix gave us tips on growing seedlings, and Christina Enright, the 'Monarch Butterfly Lady', spoke passionately about plants for bees and butterflies. We also learned about gardening for continuous joy from Judith Cox, pruning for enhancement from Jennifer Glenn, and orchid care from Janet Johns. So many great guest speakers who shared their wealth of knowledge with us!

Our projects this year included creating a post-Covid reflection spot at the museum in Russell, completing the task of bringing electricity to MacDougall Park and planting trees. As we look back on 2024, we're grateful for the camaraderie, learning, and growth we've experienced together. Here's to more gardening adventures in the coming year!



Past President's Thank You

As I finish my term as President of the Russell and District Horticultural Society, I would like to thank everyone who has given of their time to make this society such a productive and fun group.

Without the work of all the board members, none of the activities and events previously mentioned would have been possible.

I will be staying on as past-president and will certainly help the new Executive and Board to organize and plan for the upcoming year.

Again, I am inviting you to contemplate becoming more involved with this dynamic group of people and stand in as a director on the Board.

Wishing everyone a productive and joyful gardening season!

Louise Houle, Past President



2024 District 1 Annual General Meeting

Hosted by the Russell & District Horticultural Society

The year 2024 was a busy year for the Russell & District Horticultural Society. Along with our monthly meetings, excursions, flower shows, workshops and plant sales, we hosted the District 1 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The event theme was "Leaping into Leap Year" and was held at the Camille Piche Community Centre in Embrun, ON. We had a total of 135 attendees from the nine societies in District 1. Our two speakers for the day were Asha Hingorani from the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association and Jeannie Ford from the Aquatoria Water Garden Conservatory and they provided educational and informative ways to enhance our gardens. There were plenty of door prizes and raffles and our frog facts were entertaining and well received by the attendees.

We had many positive reviews after the event and the success of this event was due to the many executive members who worked and collaborated tirelessly over the year prior to the event. We also had many volunteers from our membership who helped with the set up, duties at the event and clean up of the venue and we are very thankful for their contribution to the success of this event.

Together, we can all be proud of making the 2024 District 1 AGM a resounding success and showing what an active, passionate and inclusive society we are.

Diane Sharp, AGM Committee Chair

Junior Gardeners

The Russell Junior Gardeners' program is a great way to encourage our young gardeners. Our juniors learn how to plant and take care of vegetables and flowering plants. There were 20 Junior Gardeners in 2024 and they had a wonderful time growing their gardens!



President's Message

I know it's cold today and snowing, but there is another gardening season on its way. There is anticipation and looking forward to starting seeds and working in the soil. A reminder to myself is not to start too early. The words of the poet Alfred Austin, resonate with me: "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."

This year I am privileged to again serve as president of the Russell and District Horticultural Society. We've planned another year of fun, and interesting and informative events for all our members.

You may be an experienced gardener and have much to share. Maybe you consider yourself a 'newbie' and hope to learn. We all share a love of gardening and can enjoy the benefits of doing so. We can also be a benefit to others through sharing flowers, seedlings or produce. We care for the environment by encouraging pollinators and birds. There is so much to enjoy!

Grace Stapper, RDHS President

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." - Gertrude Jekyll was a British horticulturist, garden designer, craftswoman, photographer, writer and artist (1843-1932)

"I grow plants for many reasons: to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty, or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow." - David Hobson, a Waterloo-based writer whose focus is gardening and landscaping.

District 1 Societies

Cornwall & District Horticultural Society Gloucester Horticultural Society Kemptville Horticultural Society Martintown and District Horticultural Society Maxville and District Horticultural Society Russell and District Horticultural Society Seaway Valley Horticultural Society Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society

District Director's Message

In April 2024, the Russell and District Horticultural Society hosted our District 1 Annual General Meeting in Embrun. Thank you to our wonderful hosts who made us feel so welcome and organized a fantastic day. At the meeting, the third District 1 Service Award was presented to Diane Partlo, a judge, artist and member of the Kemptville Horticultural Society. We were also very happy to have members of the Seaway Valley District Horticultural Society join us at the AGM. This new society received their incorporation at the end of December 2023, officially joining the OHA, and our District 1. They are an enthusiastic group who set up several community gardens in the spring of 2024.

The society Presidents met by Zoom in October and decided it was still the best way to meet as a group. It certainly saved a lot on travel time. Welcome to our new District 1 Secretary-Treasurer, Manja Bastian.

The District 1 societies continued with their community work, plant sales, garden tours and flower shows. Several societies held Zoom-only meetings during January and February, then returned to in-person meetings for the rest of the year.

It was a great pleasure to attend a meeting at all but one society at least once during the year. Thank you very much to Louise Freeman, my Assistant District Director, the society Presidents, Directors and members.

2024 was a very busy and rewarding year. I look forward to visiting each society in 2025 and seeing their members at the District 1 AGM on April 12, hosted by the Kemptville Horticultural Society.

Susan Ramsay, District 1 Director



Board of Directors



Grace Stapper President 613-445-5737



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Committees

Flower Shows Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz, Marilyn MacMillan

Day Trips Chris Lanthier

High School Awards Marilyn MacMillan

Historical Records Margaret Helliker

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Library Liaison Cynthia Anderson

March It On Out Kathy Pitruniak, Laurie Lechausser, Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz

Memberships Manja Bastian, Linda Duhamel

Plant Sales Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz, Julie Keravel, Grace Stapper

Sunshine Linda Duhamel

Website and Social Media Jacqueline Wyss, Grace Stapper

Workshops Louise Houle, Pegi Holtz

Yearbook Jacqueline Wyss, Pegi Holtz

Life Members

Life memberships are awarded to someone with a long-time membership in a Society, usually with a minimum of 15 years, who shows a continued interest in horticulture and who participates in the Society and contributes to its programs. We are proud to have the following Life Members in our Society:

Elizabeth Baas, Barbara Boland, Margaret Helliker, Pegi Holtz, Ann Jackson, Dorothy Kinkaid, Lindley McPhail, Alice Proper, Grace Stapper and Marianne Vedder.

Membership

Adult membership for the Russell and District Horticultural Society is \$15 per person per year (January to December).

For juniors the fee is \$10 per child for the first two children per household, \$5 per child for additional children.

As a member of the Russell and District Horticultural Society, you can get discounts on live plant material at businesses in the surrounding area. Present your membership card before your purchase is completed at any of the following businesses:

Beyond the House (10% off regular price) 144 Craig Street, Russell (613) 445-5214 beyondthehouse.ca

Floral Design Landscaping (15% off regular price on trees, shrubs and perennials) 2860 Donnelly Drive, Kemptville (613) 258-7270 floraldesignlandscaping.com

Rideau Woodland Ramble (10% off regular price) 7210 Burritt's Rapids Road/County Road 23, Burritt's Rapids (613)258-3797 rideauwoodlandramble.com

Whitehouse Perennials (10% off regular price) 594 Rae Road, Almonte (613)256-3406 whitehouseperennials.com

There are likely other nurseries that offer this discount too - just ask!

By purchasing a membership, you agree to abide by the Russell and District Horticultural Society Code of Conduct. For more information, visit our website at russellgardeners.ca.

Volunteer Hours

Your time counts! Volunteers are very important to the Russell and District Horticultural Society.

Each year, the Ontario Horticultural Association asks all societies to report the number of volunteer hours members contribute.

Please use this handy chart to track your volunteer hours and help us report them to the OHA by emailing your hours to pvandie@magma.ca by December 1st.

Category

- 1. Community Events: Time working at local fairs, community outreach programs, plant sales, Living Locally Fair and March it on Out.
- 2. Executive, Board and Monthly Meetings: Attending Executive and/or Board meetings. Include set-up and planning of general meetings (not time during meetings).
- 3. Executive, Board Members and Committee Members: Administration and Planning of events and meetings.
- 4. Flower Shows, Garden Tours: Planning and preparation time. Do not include time attending or viewing gardens by members.
- 5. Administration of, Planning, Planting, and Maintenance: Community Gardening, Conservation and Environmental Projects and Partnerships.
- 6. Special Events: Workshops, seminars/courses, District AGM, OHA Convention hosting, etc. (planning, volunteering and/or representing society as a delegate)
- 7. Yearbook, Newsletter, Website, Social Media: Time spent planning yearbooks, newsletters, developing and maintaining websites and social media.
- 8. Youth Activities: Time spent working with youth in schools, youth groups and the Junior Gardeners.
- 9. Other: (please specify)

Volunteer Hours

Name: _____

Date	Cate	gory	Activity or event					Number of hours	
Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total		2		4	5	0	/	0	9
hours									

Did you know?

Colour of the year

The colour of the year for gardeners in 2025 is teal. Teal is a calming and sophisticated colour that evokes the peacefulness of ocean waters and expansive skies. Some plants with teal-coloured foliage are blue fescue, blue agave and brunnera 'Jack Frost'. There are blue-toned hostas such as 'Blue Hawaii', 'Blue Mammoth', 'Halcyon', and 'Yankee Blue'. Soft blue clematis varieties and blue hydrangeas have flowers with a cool blue tone.

Perennial of the year

Pycnanthemum muticum, also known as clustered mountain mint. Pollinator-friendly, the tiny white to light pink flowers of the clustered mountain mint attract butterflies, bees, and wasps from July to September. The scented leaves have a similar scent to true mints, even though it's not a true mint.

Houseplant of the year

The snake plant is the houseplant of the year, as 2025 is the year of the snake in the Chinese zodiac — a once-in-every-12-years occurrence.

Herb of the year

Camomile Matricaria Sansevieria

Chamomile (Matricaria chamomilla), a dainty yet hardy perennial, is cherished for its myriad of uses and gentle beauty. This herb, known for its delicate, daisy-like flowers with white petals and a yellow center, is a staple in traditional medicine, particularly as a calming agent in teas. Its soothing properties extend to skincare, where it's used to alleviate irritation and promote healing. Apart from its medicinal applications, chamomile also serves as a charming addition to gardens, attracting beneficial insects and adding a touch of tranquility with its pleasant, apple-like scent.



snake plant



chamomile

Vegetable Trivia

Here are some fun facts with a vegetable theme. See how many you can get right. Answers are on page 24.

- 1. What are the only three perennial vegetables?
- 2. Which fruit is technically a vegetable?
- 3. What was the first vegetable grown in space by NASA?
- 4. What is one of the most difficult vegetables to grow?
- 5. What vegetables did humans create? (hint they are all in the same species)
- 6. Which vegetables belonging to the cabbage family are flowers?
- 7. Which vegetable turned colour due to a genetic mutation?

Mini Flower Shows

Judges will be the members attending the meeting. No artificial flowers, please. Prizes are \$5 (1st), \$3 (2nd), \$2 (3rd).

April 21, 2025

- 1. "All Cracked Up" an arrangement featuring egg shells.
- 2. "Spring Wreath" a handmade wreath decorated with flowers (fresh or dried).
- 3. "H2O" a water viewing design.

March 16, 2026

- 1. "National Wedding Planning Day" an arrangement in a champagne glass
- 2. "World Music Therapy Day" an arrangement to commemorate the day
- 3. "St. Patrick's Day" a mostly green arrangement

April 20, 2026

- 1. "Tartan Day" an arrangement incorporating some plaid
- 2. An Easter themed creation
- 3. Mossy & Rocky etc.

Special Events

Please note that filming/photography may take place at these events for promotional and archival purposes. The photos and recordings may appear on the russellgardeners.ca website, in a publication such as the RDHS yearbook and/or social media. If you attend an event and would prefer not to be photographed, please let the photographer know in advance.

Annual Plant Sale

The Society holds an annual Plant Sale each year on the Saturday of the May long weekend. In 2025, the Plant Sale will be on May 17 at the Russell Fairgrounds, 1076 Concession Street, Russell. Members donate plants they have split or grown from seed, so this spring, when you are splitting your perrenials, or planting seeds, remember to pot up some extras. This is a great way to share a piece of your garden with other local gardening enthusiasts.

Garden Tour

The date to have this year's garden tour has yet to be determined but when it does, you will be invited to visit private gardens, each with its own charm. At the end of the tour there will be a social which includes snacks and prizes.

Vedder Tree Sales

Marianne and Jake continue to oversee this program and more trees will be available for sale this year. We will send out an email when trees are available, so make sure to sign up to recieve the Hort. Society emails so you don't miss out.

Day Trips

Ferguson Tree Nursery in Kemptville - guided tour

Saturday, early September, 2025 275 County Rd. 44, Kemptville

Purdon Conservation Area in Lanark - self-guided tour

Thursday, June 19, 2025 (rain date June 20th) (depending on conditions). Concession Road 8, Lanark Highlands.

Enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk of a rare fen wetland and see Canada's largest colony of showy Lady Slipper orchids.

If you are up for it, you can take a hike on a 1.7 km trail through an uplands forest up to a breathtaking lookout. Picnic areas available. Donations appreciated.

Ornamental Gardens at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa - guided tour

Thursday, July 3, 2025 (rain day July 4th)

Our guide will lead us on a tour of the Rose Garden, the Explorers, and the Heritage Rose Garden. There's lots to see on the eight acres such as the perennial collection, rock gardens, annuals, Macoun sunken garden and memorial garden. The tropical greenhouse will be open to public as well. We can bring a picnic lunch and cross the road to the Arboretum and enjoy the walkways, mature trees and shrubs.



Day trip to Rideau Woodland Ramble in 2024

Workshops

Please make sure you register for these workshops on the sign-up sheet at monthly meetings, or contact Louise at 613-443-0514 or louhou51@gmail.com. Bring your own lunch and beverages.

Workshop fees are to be paid in advance to secure your spot.

You must have a 2025 RDHS membership to participate.

Workshops will be held at Pegi Holtz's place, 8730 Victoria Street, Metcalfe, unless specified otherwise.

Wire Alliums Workshop

Thursday, April 17th, 10:00am to 1:00pm Cost is \$20 per member - No limit Garden decoration using chicken wire to resemble an allium flower.

So, you want to enter a Flower Show! Workshop

Wednesday, May 7th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Cost is \$20 per member - Limit of 12 participants

In the morning, learn how to select, condition and present specimens for a flower show following the OHA judging standards. The afternoon will be spent learning tricks and tips for flower arranging. Bring secateurs.



Learning loads about entering flower shows



Box frame succulent garden

Glass on Glass Workshop

Thursday, September 25th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Cost is \$20 per member - Limit of 12 participants

Choice of picture frame or window, mobile or garden totem. Supplies of multicolored glass, baubles, glue, wire and glass cutters included. Bring your own totem pieces, picture frame or window (not exceeding 12' x24'), gloves, wire cutters, pliers (for mobiles).



Fun at the Glass on Glass Workshop

Box frame succulent garden Workshop

Saturday, June 28th, 9:00am to 12:00 (noon) and Sunday, June 29th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Cost is \$25 per member -Limit of 8 participants

Build a planting box using a picture frame, wood and wire on Saturday. Add soil and succulent plants to form a garden on Sunday. Note that this workshop will be held at Louise's place, 955 Du Castor Road, St. Albert.

2025 June Flower Show Schedule

June 16, 2025

Class: Flowers

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 1. Allium, 1 stem
- 2. Campanula, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
- 3. Euphorbia, 1 stem
- 4. Flowering shrub or tree, 1 branch
- 5. Flowering vine, under 40cm (over the edge of container)
- 6. Iris, 1 stem
- 7. Lilacs, 3 stems
- 8. Peony, red, double, 1 bloom
- 9. Peony, pink, double, 1 bloom
- 10. Peony, white, double, 1 bloom
- 11. Peony, Itoh, 1 bloom
- 12. Peony, any other colour, 1 bloom
- 13. Papaver (poppy) 1 stem
- 14. Rose, red
- 15. Rose, pink
- 16. Rose, any other colour
- 17. Any other flower not mentioned above, 1 stem

Class: Foliage

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 18. Fern collection minimum 3 varieties
- 19. Heuchera (Coral Bells) 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
- 20. Heuchera Collection minimum 5 leaves
- 21. Hosta 1 giant leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base over 10 inches)
- 22. Hosta 1 large leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 6 to 10 inches)
- 23. Hosta 1 medium leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 4 to 6 inches)
- 24. Hosta 1 small leaf (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base 2 to 4 inches)
- 25. Hosta, miniature, any 1 cultivar, 3 leaves (measuring from the tip of the leaf to leaf base under 2 inches)
- 26. Hosta any 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
- 27. Hosta Collection minimum 3 varieties, 2 leaves of each

Class: Arrangements

Prizes: 1st \$5; Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 28. "Once Upon a Tree" an arrangement which includes weathered wood
- 29. "Size Isn't Everything" a modern mass design of 3-5 groups of plant material juxtaposed to give a sculptural effect – not to exceed more than 1 square foot in size
- 30. "Get Healthy" an arrangement using vegetables, herbs and edible flowers in a salad bowl

Class: Fruits and Vegetables

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 31. Collection of freshly cut herbs in 1 container, minimum 5 varieties, named on a separate card
- 32. Display of salad greens
- 33. Rhubarb, 5 stalks
- 34. Any other fruit or vegetable

Class: Photography

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- 35. "Year of the Vegetable Garden" a photo from the garden
- 36. "Happy Gardeners" a photo showing the joy of gardening

Class: Writing

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

37. Acrostic. A form of poetry that is written vertically in capital letters. Please print "VEGETABLE" in 14 point font in bold print with the rest of the poem in 12 point font

Class: Art

Prizes: 1st \$5, Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

38. A garden element you created

Acknowledgements

The society wishes to acknowledge and thank the following people and organizations for their cash donations, gift certificates, prizes and/or their professional talents that were donated during 2023 and 2024.

Government of Ontario Green Corners, U Pick Tulip and Flower Farm Township of Russell Les Serres Robert Plante Greenhouse Peter Knipple Nursery & Garden Centre Inc. Ritchie Feed and Seed Inc. Poppa Bean Coffee Roastery Beyond the House Garden Centre

We would also like to thank all our members and their families without whom our programs would not be as svuccessful as they are.

Trivia Answers

Here are the answers to the fun facts on page 17. How did you do?

- 1. Asparagus, rhubarb and horseradish
- 2. Watermelon! Much like gourds, watermelon is technically a vegetable belonging to the Cucurbitaceae family.
- 3. A potato
- 4. Artichoke
- 5. Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, collard greens, kohlrabi, and several closely related vegetables originated from the same plant species: Brassica oleracea. Its original form is known as wild mustard and still exists today.
- 6. Cauliflower, broccoli
- 7. Carrots were originally purple or white, but a genetic mutation caused them to turn orange.

Bonus: Do you know the truth about baby carrots? Baby carrots are just regular carrots that have been cut down to a smaller size.

Notes

A place to make notes such as reminders for workshops or day trips you've signed up for, or some interesting new thing you learned at one of our meetings.

2025-2026 Meetings and Events

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Ontario Horticultural Association District 1 Annual General Meeting in Kemptville

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Wire Alliums Workshop

Monday, April 21, 2025

Meeting, Mini Flower Show and presentation on Horticultural Therapy by Sarah Shapiro (Cynthia Anderson, coordinator)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

So, you want to enter a Flower Show! Workshop

Saturday, May 17, 2025

RDHS Plant sale at the Russell Fairgrounds

Monday, May 19, 2025

Meeting and presentation on Rock Gardens by Josie Pazdzior (Christine Lanthier, coordinator)

Monday, June 16, 2025

Meeting, June Flower Show and presentation by Lia Lindeman on Mini Hostas and Hosta Tips (Kathy Pitruniak, coordinator)

Thursday, June 19, 2025 (rain date June 20th) (depending on conditions)

Day Trip for a self-guided tour of Purdon Conservation Area in Lanark to see wild orchids

Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29, 2025

Box Frame Succulent Garden Workshop

Thursday, July 3, 2025 (rain day July 4th)

Day Trip to the Ornamental Gardens at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa for a guided tour

August 7-10, 2025

Navan Fair for more info go to navanfair.com

August 14-17, 2025

Russell Fair for more info go to russellagriculturalsociety.com

Saturday, early September, 2025

Day Trip to Ferguson Tree Nursery in Kemptville

Monday, September 15, 2025

Meeting and presentation by Candace Dressler, Dreams To Reality, A Gardener's Dream vs. Nature's Reality (Marianne Vedder, coordinator)

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Glass on Glass Workshop

October 2-5, 2025

Metcalfe Fair for more info go to metcalfefair.com

Monday, October 20, 2025

Meeting and presentation on Native Plants - harvesting, cleaning and sowing seeds (Laurie LeChasseur, coordinator)

Monday, November 17, 2025

Annual General Meeting and houseplant sale

Monday, January 19, 2026

Meeting and presentation by Lavande Braydale Lavender (Marilyn MacMillan, coordinator)

Monday, February 16, 2026

Meeting and presentation by Lia Lindeman on Growing Herbs for Medicine (Diane Sharp, coordinator)

Monday, March 16, 2026

Meeting, Mini Flower Show and presentation by Judith Cox on Vegetables in all Situations (Frances McCormick, coordinator)

Monday, April 20, 2026

Meeting, Mini Flower Show and presentation by Lee Ann Smith on Wildscaping: Wild planting in a Strong Design (Cynthia Anderson, coordinator)



Garden Tour



District 1 AGM



March it on Out!