

Message from: Joanne Young - President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society

## Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society MARCH 2021 UPDATE

Hello Members & Friends,

Spring is just around the corner. I can feel it in my bones. Last week, during that heavy snow that we had, I was looking out the window and sitting there on top on the 10" of fresh snow were two of the pudgiest Robins that you have ever seen. They were looking a bit bewildered, but for me it gave me great hope for better times ahead.

We are moving forward with our monthly meetings by way of Zoom, starting on Tuesday, March 23rd (on the 4th Tuesday of the Month). We will be sending out a Zoom link for the March Zoom meeting a week prior to the meeting. We have six great speakers lined up; you can read about our first three speakers here: 2021 Spring Virtual Speaker Series.

We have been busy updating our website, so please take some time to see all the news at notlhortsociety.com. It is looking great! A big thank you goes to Dee Fahlman, our Social Media & Communications Director for working so hard on it. A special thanks also goes to Gary Hall for all his assistance with the design of the website.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME - Please renew your membership online by the March meeting if possible.

Now is the time to renew your membership. We have moved, or shall I say pivoted, into the 21st century and we are asking that you sign-up online - since we are unable to do this in person because of COVID restrictions. Simply click on the link above and that will take you directly to our new online registration form. Complete the form and click on pay for membership now and you will be taken to a secure page for you to enter in your credit card information. Once the Membership Form and the payment screen is submitted, you will receive an email and receipt confirming your registration. Make sure that you save a copy of your email confirmation for your records.

We strongly encourage you to join or renew your membership online. If for some reason you are unable to renew your membership on-line, you can download and print a copy of the Membership Form below, please mail it along with a cheque to: NOTL Horticultural Society, P.O. Box 734, Niagara-On-The-Lake, ON, LOS 1JO. Please make cheques payable to: NOTL Horticultural Society. <u>Download a printable copy of the form here</u>.

Your membership fees help us to bring you great speakers as well as pay our annual Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) fees and insurance. Your membership fee helps us to give back to important community projects that involve horticulture. These fees are especially important because due to COVID in 2020 and 2021, we have not and will not be able to hold our fund raisers such as the Annual Garden Tour and the Plant Sale, yet we still have many of the same and some new expenses.

If you have not been a member of the Horticultural Society in the past but would love to learn more about gardening, now is a great time for you to sign- up! Just fill out the online form. We would love to have you join us. We are a mixed group that ranges from novice gardeners who are just starting to get their hands dirty to very experienced gardeners with green thumbs. We love to educate our members via guest speakers, covering a wide range of gardening topics and by the sharing of knowledge between members. We encourage the horticultural beautification of public and private spaces in the Niagara-on-the-Lake area. We regularly give back to the community through supporting many horticultural projects. So, renew your membership today and we eagerly look forward to seeing you (at least virtually) on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7 p.m.

Take Care,

Joanne Young

President

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P.S. Please feel free to share this email with friends, neighbours, or family members that you think may be interested in joining our society. Remember now registered members can live anywhere and enjoy our Virtual Speaker Series!

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